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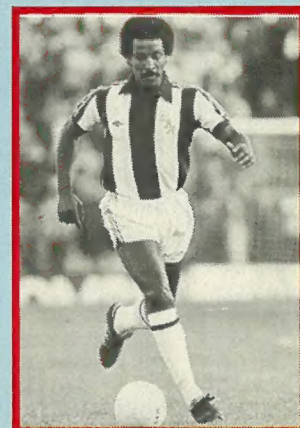
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COVER PICTURE: One and a half million pounds of footballer in full flight. Manchester City's new signing Steve Daley surges past Southampton's Graham Baker who falls to the ground.



MATCH-WINNER! England captain and "Match Weekly" columnist Kevin Keegan beats Danish goalkeeper Birger Jensen to score the only goal of England's European Championship tie against Denmark at Wembley. Keegan's cracker, in the 17th minute, virtually assured England of their place in next year's finals in Italy. More great action pictures from the game on Page 10.

WELCOME once again to **MATCH WEEKLY**, the bright new football publication which is different from the rest — different because for the first time it brings together in one magazine everything the football fan is looking for.

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'Match of the Day's' Jimmy Hill.

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and Ask Us (page 42), with top quality leather footballs to be won in Half Time (page 22). And in future issues we will be announcing some really tremendous prizes.

Also in this week's issue you have another chance to send for your **FREE** Match Facts colour binder on page 44; and details of how to get your **FREE** Match Patch can be found on page 38.

By the way, if you have had difficulty in getting stickers for the album we gave you in our first issue please be patient. Supply of the stickers to newsagents has been temporarily delayed.

No wonder **MATCH WEEKLY** is the magazine they are all talking about. It's a unique service that other soccer publications just cannot match — a service that no football fan can afford to miss.

Melvyn Bagnall: Editor

Kendall plots Rovers' return

HOWARD Kendall's return to the First Division with Stoke was eagerly awaited. The situation could not have been more intriguing.

Could the youngest player to appear in an F.A. Cup Final still turn it on at the highest level at the age of 33?

But then came the phone call from Blackburn Rovers that brought a halt to all the conjecture.

Kendall was offered the chance to become player-manager at Ewood Park. And despite the fact that Rovers tumbled out of Division Two while Stoke were heading in the opposite direction, it was an opportunity too good to turn down.

"I have always wanted to stay in the game when I finish playing, but I did not think the move to manager would come so quickly," Kendall explained.

"The more I thought about the offer the more it appealed to me. It's a big challenge and there is a lot of work to do.

"But the potential is there and we are placing a lot more emphasis on the youth side of the club.

The great bonus for Kendall is that he's been able to get on the managerial ladder while still retaining a foothold on the playing side.

Although he does not skipper the team there's no doubt who's the boss on the park.

"It's a bit frustrating sitting on

Right: Howard Kendall looks at a fixture programme which he hopes will take him and his new club into the second division.



Above: High-kicking Howard Kendall with Blackburn youngsters Colin James (left) and Kevin Pritchard.



Duncan McKenzie... 'a smashing character' says Kendall. The two experienced stars have teamed up with Blackburn.

the bench. You feel isolated. At least on the pitch you can influence what's going on and get players playing the way you want.

"I still enjoy playing and will continue while I feel I'm worth my place."

It's all a far cry from that memorable May day in 1964 when Howard Kendall became the youngest to appear in an F.A. Cup Final at the tender age of 17 years 345 days.

West Ham killed his Wembley dream with a 3-2 victory - as did West Bromwich Albion four years later when Kendall was a powerful cog in the brilliant Everton midfield trio that also included Alan Ball and Colin Harvey.

His soccer travels then took in Birmingham and Stoke, where for the last 18 months he has been player-coach.

"It was a terrific grounding for me and I learned a lot from Alan Durban. If anyone can bring major honours to Stoke Alan can.

"I've picked up so much from all the managers I've played under. Hopefully I can put into practice the right things and ignore the 'wrongs'.

"At the end of the day though you have to be your own boss and do your own thing."

Waiting

One of Kendall's first tasks was to sign a goalkeeper and he quickly acquired Jim Arnold from non-league football.

"There is a little more money in the kitty but it's a question of

waiting for the right player to come along at the right price."

Talk of Blackburn Rovers naturally includes Duncan McKenzie. Howard Kendall has no worries about handling a player who other managers have been quick to unload.

"Duncan's a smashing character and I've had no problems with him. He was looking forward to the beginning of the season as much as the rest of us.

"As for the team itself I'm not making any predictions. All I can say is that I haven't seen a Third Division side who will be more than a match for us."

And who knows. If things go well it is not an impossible dream that Kendall could be back in Division One in a few years and renewing acquaintances once more with Stoke City.

OH, WHAT A WEEK!

WHAT a week that was. From the disappointment of losing to Dusseldorf in the German Bundesliga, to the thrill of meeting a man I rate among the best players of all time.

And to cap it all there was that European Championship clash with Denmark at Wembley.

But let's start at the beginning. One of the busiest and most exciting weeks I can remember began with a morning workout at the Hamburg training camp on Thursday, September 6. We usually train in the afternoon, as do most clubs in Germany, but with a game at Dusseldorf the following afternoon we cut out the after-lunch session.

I regard the afternoon training as one of the most sensible aspects of German football and I cannot understand why English clubs still insist on training in the mornings. Matches are played at 3pm, so why not train during that time to get used to the humidity, light etc?

With a game the following day, our trainer Branko Zebec limited that Thursday session to about 90 minutes — giving me plenty of time to get home, have some lunch and help my wife Jean pack the bags for her afternoon flight to England — the plan being that we should meet over there later in the week.

Breakfast

From there it was down to the club offices in the city to sign the autograph requests in the mail, a quick meal and then on to the railway station to link up with the rest of the team. I find the train comfortable and we pass the time by playing backgammon. It is a craze we have at the moment, replacing the card school, and Ivan Buljan, our Yugoslav international, seems to be the player to beat.

When we arrive at the hotel everyone is ready for a meal and this is followed by a massage. Curfew is at 10.45 — trainer's orders. But I am feeling quite tired and turn in at 10.15. We are allowed one beer in the belief that it helps us sleep, but I hardly ever drink. I may have the very occasional glass of wine with a meal or, when in England, a glass of lager and lime, but alcohol is not really for me.

Friday: It's downstairs before 10am if you want breakfast, but we can lie in if we want. I decide to go shopping after a cereal breakfast.

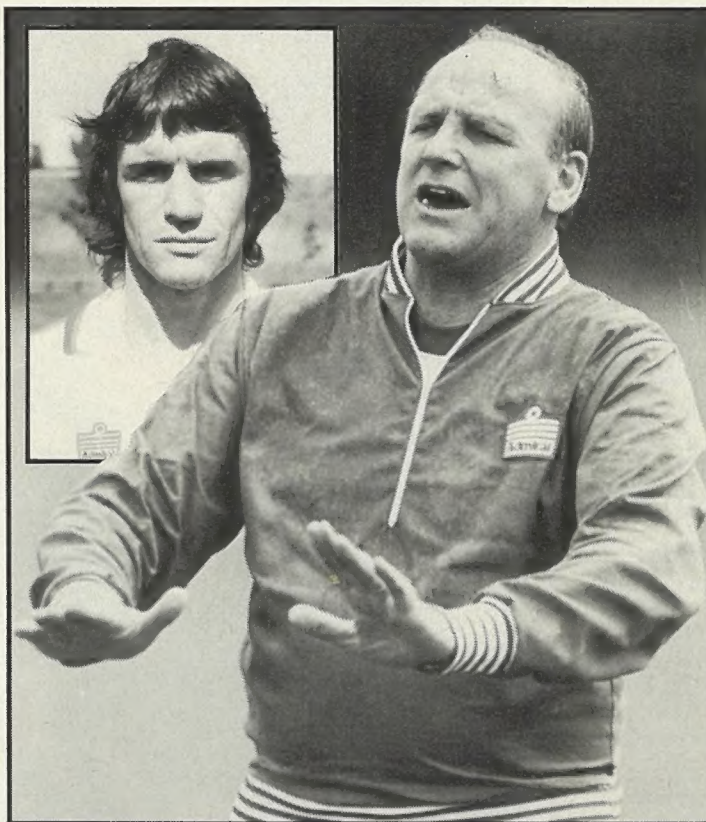
Dinner is at 12.30 and then it's an afternoon's rest in the room, which I share with Hamburg's new signing Dietmar Jacobs. A cup of tea is welcome at 5pm and then it's the pre-match tactic talk from the trainer. Branko Zebec is very thorough in this department and really does his homework on the opposition.

He's also very keen on the pre-match warm up. Before changing into our match strip we pull on a second strip and work a good sweat up on the pitch. Then it's back into the changing rooms and on with fresh kit. It's a good idea and helps prevent pulled muscles.

But on this occasion all the preparation was to no avail, Hamburg losing in a freak 3-0 result. We



KEEGAN



Unlike his predecessors, Ron Greenwood gives his players a certain amount of freedom before a match. My England room mate Dave Watson (inset) might forget his boots, but he never forgets his music centre and his Fleetwood Mac and Status Quo albums!

Europe's No.1 footballer writes for Match Weekly

didn't deserve to lose at all, nevermind by that margin and the atmosphere after the match wasn't too good.

I can never eat after a match but I always get very thirsty and my favourite thirst quencher is a mixture of orange and coke. I used to drink coke but found it too gassy on its own.

Saturday: I played tennis in the morning, trying out a new racket sent to me by my friend Stan Smith, the former Wimbledon champion. After that I stayed in Dusseldorf for an organised autograph session which turned out to be great fun. I met Turek, the goalkeeper in the German World Cup winning side of 1954.

On to Dusseldorf airport for my flight to England and there I meet the Bayern Munich team who had just won 1-0 in Bochum. They're sure to be a force again this year. I was met at Heathrow by my agent

Harry Swales before going on to stay at the Post House Hotel.

Ron Greenwood and the England Under 21 squad were staying there too and I had a nice chat and a bite to eat before hitting the sack.

Sunday: Up at 6.30 for an early flight to France aboard our private Cherokee six seater twin engine jet, to attend a Sports Fair at Paris.

Four hours later I am back in the Cherokee and heading for Southampton. Here we pick up Lawrie McMenemy, a friend of mine, and then take off again for Leeds.

Our eventual destination is a Variety Club of Great Britain tribute dinner — which turned out to be a really fantastic evening. The four managers I have worked under — Ron Ashman (Scunthorpe), Bob Paisley and Bill Shankly (Liverpool) and Gunther Netzer (Hamburg) were all there and I met many other friends, including Ian Callaghan, John Charles, Dennis Law and Stan

Mortensen. As a Doncaster lad, it was something of a homecoming for me.

The evening went on until 2am and I slept soundly in the back of Harry's Mercedes all the way back down to the hotel in London where the England squad had gathered for the Denmark game.

Monday: After my usual shredded wheat breakfast I had a morning workout with the squad before going on to Wembley for a very special occasion... a presentation to the 100,000th visitor to the stadium. And there to make the presentation with me was the great man himself... Sir Stanley Matthews.

What a tremendous person. At 64 he is still playing. He has not put on an ounce of weight and has some really good views on the game. It was our first meeting and I can sincerely say it was an experience I will always remember.

Tuesday: After a quick hour's training I meet the people who are promoting the launch of my book 'Against the World'. I met a friend in the hotel in the evening and declined invitations to go to the Under 21 game or to the cinema. Ron lets his players do what they want and in return they are careful not to abuse the privilege.

Atmosphere

Wednesday — Matchday: After a 9am breakfast we do some light training, mostly discussing set pieces. My match day dinner is always the same — Dover sole off the bone with no vegetables at all.

The afternoon is spent in bed and at 4.30 I wake for a cup of tea and maybe a bar of energy-giving chocolate. I also take a few salt tablets for cramp.

Then it's on to the coach and a police escort to Wembley. The card school — myself, Peter Shilton, Joe Corrigan, Trevor Brooking, Emlyn Hughes and Trevor Cherry — is soon in action. But only until we get close to Wembley. Then the atmosphere changes and we begin to look out at the crowds. It's a fantastic feeling for any player — a feeling I never become tired of.

The coach pulls right into the stadium itself and this is when the players have a chance to give tickets for the game to their families and close friends.

After that it's down into the changing rooms. I like a good half hour to get ready. Before getting changed I like to go out on to the pitch to inspect the surface.

Fifteen minutes before kick-off a Football Association official tells us it's time to go and Ron Greenwood gives us a last-minute pep talk — just reminding us of the things we have talked about over the past few days together. Then it's down the tunnel to be welcomed by a rousing chorus of Land of Hope and Glory.

match makers

STEVE COPPELL (Manchester United and England)

FULL NAME: Stephen James Coppell.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Liverpool, 9th July 1955.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7ins, 10st 12lb.

MARRIED: No.

CAR: Datsun 260 Z.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Tranmere Rovers.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Idle student!

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Popper'.

WORST EVER INJURY: A hamstring strain in my right leg which kept me out for about three games two years ago.

FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Kevin Keegan.

He's not blessed with the most skill in the world but by hard work and determination he's made it right to the top.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tranmere.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Holland's Rudi Krol. He's got a little bit of everything.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Carey, Yeats, Moore, Wilson, Charlton, R. Ball, Giles, Keegan, Dalglish, Best.

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Santos (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore (England), Krol (Holland), Charlton R. (England), Cruyff (Holland), Garrincha (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Di Stefano (Spain), Best (N. Ireland).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: White Hart Lane and Villa Park.

FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: The Maricana Stadium, Brazil.

BEST GOAL SCORED: My goal against Tottenham two years ago which was featured on Match Of The Day.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Pele's goal against Sweden in the '58 World Cup Final when he chipped it over a defender's head and volleyed it home.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I wouldn't like him to know!

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The '77 Cup Final with Liverpool.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: My debut for Tranmere on a Sunday against Aldershot.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing last year's Cup Final against Arsenal.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket and golf.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: All sports.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Gardening and washing my car.

FAVOURITE TV: The Waltons.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Anything on science-fiction.

FAVOURITE READING: Desmond Bagley and sport biographies, but I like to read anything.

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: John Williams, Phil Lynott (Thin Lizzy) and Robert Palmer.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Variations on chicken and egg.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert Redford and Donald Sutherland, Diane Keaton.

BEST FILM SEEN IN '79: Midnight Express.

BEST FRIEND: I've got several.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON MY CAREER: All the managers I have served under.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: The people who make a living out of knocking it.

SUPERSTITIONS: To try and not be too superstitious!

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cornflakes.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 16 Full Caps, 1 Under-23.

PERSONAL AMBITION/PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play the next game for Manchester United.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Something connected with football but not necessarily a manager or coach.

A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: Manchester City's Tommy Caton.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Gary Player.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Not to get too downhearted and to keep on trying if a club rejects you.

Steve
Coppell



match makers

CLIVE WOODS (Ipswich Town)

FULL NAME: Clive Richard Woods.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Norwich, 18th December 1948.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9½ins. 10st 7lb.
MARRIED: Yes, to Anne.
CHILDREN: Tara (5), Jaime (2), Andrew (1).
CAR: Morris Marina.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: I did a bit of building work and worked in a shoe factory.
CLUB NICKNAME: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: A groin strain two years ago which kept me out for 6-8 weeks.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Denis Law – he was a great character as well as a great finisher.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Norwich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele – for his all-round ability.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: The Leeds United side under Don Revie which won everything.
MY ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Buljan (Yugoslavia), Shesterner (USSR), Moore (England), Santos (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Charlton R. (England), Best (N. Ireland), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Law (Scotland). Sub: Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Highbury.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Wembley.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My 'curler' against Leeds in the '75 FA Cup quarter-final third replay which was second in BBC's 'Goal Of The Season'.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Roger Osborne's for Ipswich against Arsenal in the '78 Cup Final.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Paul Reaney when he played for Leeds.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The '78 Cup Final with Arsenal.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the F.A. Cup.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the '75 FA Cup semi-final against West Ham and being pipped for the League by Liverpool in '76-'77.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: I like them all but particularly cricket.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Gardening, reading.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams, flying.
FAVOURITE TV: Match Of The Day.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Thrillers.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Wings, Leo Sayer.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert Redford, Gina Lollobrigida.
BEST FILM SEEN IN '79: None spring to mind.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My brother Dennis and all the coaching staff at Ipswich.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Nothing.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Rice Pudding.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To retire happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the League Championship.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I haven't thought about it.
A PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: Kevin Reeves of Norwich.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Robert Redford.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Train hard.

Clive Woods



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N BELL STORY

A Match Weekly Tribute

A DOCTOR'S grim warning confirmed a decision Manchester City and England star Colin Bell had been dreading for years.

Told bluntly that another knock on his injured right knee could leave him a cripple for life, the super athlete they called Nijinsky has announced his retirement from the game — aged 34.

For four years he had fought a relentless lonely battle to overcome an injured knee, in a tackle with Manchester United skipper Martin Buchan. He was just about the only man at Maine Road who believed he could get back into the game.

“The news from the doctor gave me the worst moment of my life, he says. I knew most people had written me off but I never let myself believe that.

Maybe I was kidding myself. I love football so much I had actually planned to carry on with City until I was 40. I could even have seen myself so desperate to carry on that I would have dropped down the leagues and tried to play on until 45.

That's how much I loved football. Maybe having to quit now has saved me some heartache later on trying to put off the day when I had to hang up my boots.

I can't really complain. I have had a wonderful time with Bury, Manchester City and England.

I think of myself as being a very lucky bloke to play at a time when there were so many great players around. In Manchester alone there were class performers like Franny Lee and Mike Summerbee with City, and across at Old Trafford Denis Law, Bobby Charlton and George Best. Elsewhere you had Bobby Moore, Jimmy Greaves and Gordon Banks. Just to be on the same pitch as these fellows made me proud to be a footballer.

I have always been a bit on the shy side and when I first got to City I was overawed. Same with England. It took me 10 to 12 games in each case to find my feet and my confidence.

'Flat out'

International football is so different. The league stuff is all 100 miles an hour. International football is much more thoughtful and playing for position. My natural game was flat-out running and I had a lot of problems when I first went into the England side. I will always be grateful to Sir Alf Ramsey for keeping faith and persevering with me.

Colin had a testimonial game on September 11 when a Manchester select played a Merseyside select at Maine Road. It was a night for him to say 'thank you' to the City fans.

“They have been wonderful down the years, he says.

I have had some memorable moments like winning the F.A. Cup, the First Division title and playing in the World Cup. But none of those rates with the day I came back into the City team for the first time after my injury. That was on Boxing Day 1977 when we played Newcastle United at Maine Road. I was sub and I was sent on at half-time.

I expected I might get a bit of a clap. I was completely overcome when they gave me a standing ovation that seemed to go on and on. I don't mind admitting there were tears in my eyes.

'Grating'

I am not going to think about managing or coaching just yet. I have a restaurant business and I will concentrate on that for a while to see if I can earn a wage. I will also want to see if the business can give me job satisfaction. It can't ever be the same.

The annoying thing is that apart from the knee I have never felt fitter. With all the work I have done in the gym my breathing and muscle tone are as good as ever. But there is still this grating at the back of my knee.

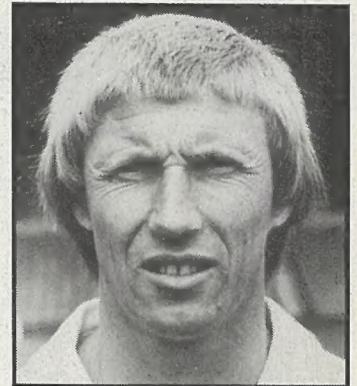
Maybe it will all work out for the best. I may even enjoy watching the game. I couldn't bear to go to see City play when I was out injured but I am a real nut about watching anything else. I even get tensed up during the week before the F.A. Cup Final no matter what teams are playing!

I hope English football stays strong. Frankly I am a bit appalled at the huge fees being handed out now. I went for £45,000 from Bury to City in 1966 and I thought that was a fortune. I don't see too many stars coming through but I do think City's young centre-back Tommy Caton is going to be a real top liner. I played alongside him in the reserves and he was a very raw 16-year-old.

But he has that special something that gives a player star quality. He's only a kid but he listens well and he has that inner confidence that the Moore's, Law's and Charlton's had. I think young Kenny Sansom and Derek Statham have that quality too. Kevin Reeves at Norwich appears to be another who can get into the England side and do us proud. But they will have to go some to match the man who was my hero . . . Bobby Charlton. I thought he was wonderful when I was a kid back home in the North East.

When I came to play with him in the England side I couldn't imagine a better professional. He had two great feet. He could pass the ball 40 yards and land it on a sixpence. But most of all he played football at the highest level as a model sportsman.

He gave the game dignity and I am proud to say I played alongside



"Apart from the knee, I have never felt fitter."

him in an England jersey. My hope for the future is that the youngsters coming through match his conduct and dedication to their trade. Meanwhile I will have to try to get the football bug out of my system. That is going to be the hardest battle I have ever faced.

A sad end to a career that threatened greatness. There are many who believe that his injury and absence from the England team gave Don Revie a midfield problem that eventually cost him his job.

Certainly it will be a long time before anyone who saw Colin Bell surging across the Wembley turf in full stride will forget the sight or the tingle of anticipation.

COLIN BELL'S CAREER RECORD

| Teams | Appearances | Goals |
|-----------|-------------|-------|
| BURY | 82 | 25 |
| MAN. CITY | 395 | 117 |
| ENGLAND | 48 | 9 |



Above: Those were the days . . . August '69 in attack for City.

Left: On the ball at Maine Road, shortly after my return from injury in February '78.



I'll always be grateful to Sir Alf Ramsey for keeping faith with me in the England side.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
 ENGLAND 1
 KEEGAN
 DENMARK 0

King Kevin steals it!

Dateline: Wednesday, Sept. 12
 Wembley Stadium.

ENGLAND (1) 1

DENMARK (0) 0

Keegan (17)

Receipts: £370,000

Att: 85,000

ENGLAND: Clemence 8, Neal 6, Mills 6, Thompson 6, Watson 8, Wilkins 7, ★KEEGAN 9, Coppell 6, McDermott 8, Brooking 6, Barnes 7.

DENMARK: Jensen 7, Rojgaard 6, Busk 6, Ziegler 7, Olsen 6, Lerby 7, Arnesen 6, Nielsen 6, Jensen 6, ★SIMONSEN 8, Elkjaer 6.



ENGLAND'S passage to the European Championship Finals was virtually assured when Kevin Keegan rifled home a fierce volley in the 17th minute of the game against Denmark.

It was fitting that Keegan should be the matchwinner in a dull international. His impish skills stole the Wembley stage — and this despite the handicap of a thigh strain.

England were generally sloppy and never reached the dizzy attacking heights of recent performances.

Only Clemence and Watson kept their reputations intact. If Denmark had shown a shade more intelligence in front of goal the scoreline would have been so different.

England are now two points clear of Northern Ireland in Group One and have a game in hand. They have two games remaining.

ABOVE LEFT: Kevin Keegan was followed all over the Wembley pitch by Denmark's Soren Busk. Here Arnesen (7) comes back to give his team-mate a helping hand.

LEFT: Benny Nielsen showed neat touches in midfield for Denmark as they attempted to pull the goal back. Here he clears under pressure from Steve Coppell.



The build-up to the goal. Peter Barnes' jinking run is checked by two Demark defenders. The ball was played out to the over-lapping Phil Neal and Keegan was on hand to volley the cross home. ABOVE: 'King' Kevin Keegan — England's match-winner once again.

THE ink was hardly dry on Asa Hartford's transfer forms to Nottingham Forest when we decided to let him go to Everton.

It was a decision that evidently shocked the football world. But believe me, Peter Taylor and I gave the matter hours of thought before making it.

Despite what some people might want to read into it, there was nothing more to the affair than us deciding that Asa was not the type of player who was going to fit into our particular style.

He is a fine player in his own right and nobody wishes him more good fortune at Goodison than me, but we were not prepared to change our pattern to suit one player.

I suppose it was the kind of decision that a lot of managers wouldn't even dream of making, but if it's in the best interests of the club then there is no point in sitting on the fence.

At times there are some difficult and delicate decisions to be made, though Peter and I don't necessarily see it that way.

Problems with team building and selection are there to be solved and

Why Hartford had to go!

no matter how unpleasant some decisions might seem to be they have to be made.

Having said that, there was certainly no ill feeling between Asa and ourselves. And, although he has gone, we still feel that our squad of players is as good as any we have ever had in management.

It's not so much a question of building a side, but getting together a good enough squad to continue competing with the best sides at home and abroad.

In the past, Peter and I have always managed on a shoestring — whether it be at Hartlepool, Derby, Brighton or at Forest.

But because we have built ourselves up as a club over the last three or four years, we now have the stability to be able to finance a first team pool of 16, 17 or even 18.

That's a far cry from when I first went to the City Ground some four and a half years ago. Things were so bad I couldn't tell you how many players were in the first team squad . . . you could have thrown the whole staff in and picked any 11 out!

Now we can begin to compete with the Liverpools, Evertons, Manchester Uniteds and Arsenals of this world who can afford to pay out the necessary cash to maintain such a big first team squad.

They can do it because they are almost guaranteed 40,000 gates. In the case of Liverpool and Manchester United it's even higher. We can do it because we are winning things.

And the only way we can carry on with this state of affairs is if we continue to be successful, continue winning matches and continue winning trophies.

We began the season at Ipswich with 12 players of established First Division pedigree, but it pleased me to know that our squad goes much deeper than that.

Trevor Francis was still in America, Kenny Burns was suspended and John O'Hare and Colin Barrett



Asa Hartford — I wish him well at Goodison.



were playing for the reserves along with three youngsters — Gary Mills, Colin Walsh and Bryn Gunn — who are very much on our minds as players of first team potential.

It's a squad that I fully expect to do well this season. We have set ourselves such standards in the last two years that it will not be easy to live up to them.

But though I went on record as saying that we were not mentally

tuned in at the beginning of the season, I see no reason why we should not have as good — if not better — year than we had last time around.

We still have a long way to go before we can catch up Liverpool's record at home and abroad. We haven't made a bad start over the last couple of years though, have we?

Until next week then . . .



Above: Colin Barrett, part of a squad I expect to do well this season.

Right: Peter Taylor and I gave hours of thought to the Hartford situation.



match action

Dateline:

Saturday, September 8, 1979

Maine Road, Manchester

Manchester City 0 Southampton 1

(Holmes 24)

Attendance: 34,920



City new boy Stuart Lee rises high in the air in a charge on goal as Southampton defenders Chris Nicholl (5), David Peach (3) and Graham Baker are rooted to the spot. Lee's eager front running brought hope for the future for struggling City.





SOMETHING to say about the game of soccer — or about something you've read in this magazine? Then this is **YOUR** page. Write to Terrace Talk, **MATCH WEEKLY**, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB. Full names and addresses, please, and your age if you don't mind telling us! Best letter of the week wins £10. Every other letter published — £2.

Match Weekly tops the lot

I HAVE just bought my first — and indeed, THE first issue of **MATCH WEEKLY** and was greatly impressed by the whole layout of the magazine. It was quite superb.

I have bought other such magazines but this beats all. Your choice of writers is great and I enjoyed reading all their articles.

Your free gift of album and stickers makes the magazine the best buy since Arsenal bought Pat Jennings from Spurs. I wish it every success.

Andrew Wilkins,
Cranham.

Keep up the good work

MATCH WEEKLY, in my opinion, tops all the other sports and football magazines. You have an excellent variety of star writers, my favourite being Kevin Keegan, and I enjoyed Ron Atkinson's opinions on the game.

Your Match Action photographs are fab and your focus on Peter Barnes and Gary Owen of W.B.A. makes very good reading.

You have done well to feature a Scots Corner and Soccer USA and your results service is, as you say, second to none, with interesting match and player ratings.

Keep up the good work.

Graham Pigott,
Barnet.

● We're wondering whether to blush now or later, Andrew . . .

● Aw, shucks, Graham, we're certainly blushing NOW!

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Back to earth with a bump

WHILE many fans were awaiting the beginning of the new football season, a friend and I were at Wembley Stadium waiting for something quite different to begin.

The occasion was a rock concert with The Who as star attraction. With a crowd of over 72,000 anticipated, the worry of violence and vandalism was very much on my mind.

To my surprise and astonishment, not a single policeman, police dog, car or horse could be seen throughout the afternoon. The hardly-noticeable Wembley officials did a great job containing the

massive crowd.

For once, I went to a football stadium without seeing innocent people attacked or the police set upon or rival gangs chanting at each other. Vandalism was non-existent.

But I was soon brought back to reality the following Saturday while trying to watch a good, clean game of football. These happenings put a dark cloud over British football. Unless a solution is found, crowds will continue to fall and the respect our football has earned in other countries will be destroyed.

Alan Brackpool,
Chessington.



"WE DO TRADE - INS SIR..."

Female fans hit back

● Don't say we didn't warn you, John Armes of Wellington, when you sounded off in our first issue, about girls having no place in football. The ink had hardly dried on the first copies before our postbag began to fill up with letters from people with suggestions as to what you can do . . . some of them have no place in a respectable mag! So sit back and take this lot . . .

No girls, please . . .

If you want a word of advice from a dedicated football supporter (me!), don't fall into the trap that a lot of popular daily papers did recently when Ray Wilkins signed in at Old Trafford. Their sports pages were plattered the next day with pictures of Wilkins carrying his wife

IN ANSWER to John Armes, I would like to put forward a girl's point of view. In these days of equality, many females enjoy football. Many of us support teams as much as the boys — if not more so!

I think John and others who share his view, should also consider the wives of footballers. It is obvious that they will support their husbands and be interested in their careers. And when they change clubs, the wives have to move, too.

So spare a thought for the female supporters.

Manchester United fan,
Essex.

'No one loves football more than us'

LIKE Mr. Armes, I am a dedicated football supporter and the fact that I happen to be in my late teens and female makes no difference to me.

I've met no one who genuinely loves the game more, nor follows its movements more closely, than I do. However, confront the average male football fan and it is a miracle if they show any respect whatsoever towards female views. More often than not, they will simply ignore us and a few almost resent our presence at a football ground.

There are more women interested and involved in football than many men would care to admit. Has Mr. Armes forgotten the wives and mothers of the top stars? These, as much as anyone, constantly give support and encouragement that all players need.

The genuine female fan wishes merely to share and contribute further to the thrills and spills that make us the

greatest footballing nation in the world.

Miss E. O'Connor,
Enfield.

I LIKE your magazine very much. You have signed well-known people and your articles are top class.

But I am writing to tell John Armes that I am disgusted with his letter.

If girls have nothing to do with football, why do women set up their own teams. We even have an international team.

I would like to show John Armes a few of my skills with the ball. I am a brilliant goalkeeper (if I may say so) and if I could, I would challenge John to a shooting duel, just to put him in his place.

By the way, I shall certainly become one of your regular readers if you continue to have stunning pictures like the ones of Peter Barnes and Gary Owen, and Match Action.

Emma Cathline,
Highbury.



"DO I CALL YOU SIR..."

NO DOUBT you have heard of the Match of the Day fact-finder who carefully logs every shot, on or off target, every pass, every tackle, every foul—in fact almost anything that can be recorded from the main match on the programme.

You may well think that this is a waste of time, but you are mistaken. Unless a manager knows what has happened and what is happening, he will never be in a position to plot what WILL happen.

It's the easiest thing in the world to fool yourself about a game of football and imagine that all's well when really it isn't. I often hear managers and coaches bemoaning their bad luck after the game saying: "If this had happened or if that had happened the whole game may have been different."

They are ignoring the danger signs. Had they logged the facts of the match scientifically, those signs would have been staring them in the face.

Just take the simple statistics of shots and saves. When I was manager of Coventry FC a few years ago, unless the team was producing between 20 and 30 shots in the course of a game I felt that something was wrong with the attack. On the other hand, I reasoned that if opponents were regularly producing more than 15 shots a game against us, then we hadn't quite got the defence right. If those figures regularly kept coming up the wrong way, and I couldn't find out how to rectify the fault, I should have prepared for the sack.

That's all very well, you might say, but what do you define as a shot. Well, it's very simple. A shot

is an attempt at goal (that doesn't mean a mis-hit cross) that either is saved by the goalkeeper, hits the woodwork or goes over the goal-line.

Once you have clearly established a number of shots per game, it is then worth registering the number of shots which are on target. By on target, I mean shots that the goalkeeper has to deal with in order to prevent the ball going over the goal-line, which excludes shots that hit the woodwork.

If you compare your shot total with your on target total you begin to get a very clear idea of how accurate the team's shooting is. Even the mention of shots on or off target makes forwards conscious of trying to hit the goal. I can remember Trevor Brooking on the World Cup panel becoming conscious of this registering of shooting accuracies to the extent that he said: "When I next play for England and pull my foot back I shall be thinking of you poised with your pencil about to register the shot on or off target."

That can't be bad for a footballer, because it should put the right intentions in his mind. And it's one simple way in which a manager or a coach can help his team, by revealing the truth. The players know exactly what they have to do to improve.

**Match of the Day's
JIMMY HILL
writes for you**



GOALS get the GATES



There's a more serious statistic worrying me at the moment and it's linked with the number of people who are coming, or rather not coming, through the turnstiles so far this season.

It is easy to blame the falling gates on to other things, such as holliganism, television, other distractions, etc., but for me the real answer lies in making that 90 minutes much more attractive to watch.

I have noticed in the matches we have had on Match of the Day so far this season that there has been much interesting, skilful and inventive mid-field play from a wide variety of teams. So often, though, that mid-field play has become almost 90 per cent of the game and the goalmouth incidents have been few and far between. That's clearly shown by the figures we have logged. Quite often the shot totals from both sides do not add up to 30!

Very simply, 30 shots per game is not enough to keep the fans excited and on their toes, and while this pattern of play continues I think you will continue to see a decline in attendances.

One of the main reasons for the decline in shot totals is that not only do managers use more men in defence, but defensive systems have become more efficient and players make less mistakes. It's sad that efficiency produces boredom because it takes a lot of hard work and good training for defences to become so stable and almost error free.

Yet mistakes create excitement, especially around the goalmouth, which is why when the pitches get more slippery and muddier the chances of an entertaining game are more likely. It is also why Astro-Turf could be suspect as the surface of the future. It is too good and too predictable.

The decline in wing play in recent years has resulted from the increased number of players used to defend against raids down the flanks. Consequently there has been a marked decrease in the number of crosses from by-line positions.

You have to distinguish between the crosses that a right-winger might make with his right foot, having outstripped the defence to the by-line, and the kind of cross that players chip in early without by-passing a defender.

A third type of cross is made with the left foot from the right wing when a winger has checked back, having declined the invitation to beat an opponent on the outside.

I know from my days as a manager that it is that first type of cross that used to put my heart in my mouth. If it does that to a manager it is also giving the fans the stimulation for which they come to a football ground.

Ray Kennedy: scorer of Match of the Day's Goal of the Season.

Newsbriefs



STEVE Daley (centre) signs to become Manchester City's costliest player. Looking on are manager Tony Book (left) and team manager Malcolm Allison. Wolves received £1,270,000 for their 26-year-old England 'B' mid-field player, and VAT plus the players five per cent, and a further five per cent to the League Benevolent Fund, takes the figure to almost 1½ m.

Big Mal-by McMenemy

STRAIGHT talking Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy superbly summed up big-spending Malcolm Allison when he said: "He does things other people only think about."

McMenemy was talking after Saints' workmanlike 1-0 victory over 'Big Mal's' Manchester City team at Maine Road.

As £1,450,000-plus new boy Steve Daley reflected on his quiet debut — his first game of the season — and Allison looked back on his team's third

defeat in five games, McMenemy had hope for City's disappointed fans.

Crowds began leaving the stands well before the game ended, but McMenemy said: "Malcolm is his own man and well respected in the game."

"A big club like City will always win through in the end."

McMenemy was obviously pleased with his own team's showing: "It's always sweet for a small club to beat a big one

but we need older heads in the team to give the youngsters time to develop."

One man who fits that bill is Alan Ball and with Mike Channon returning to the Saints they could easily improve on their top ten position in Division One.

"It's a team that is not good enough to win many things, but we give everything. I think the team could be a lot better but they don't realise it."

"This is our second year in the First Division and if we want to improve we have got to have a good pool."

"Not many people would have heard of some of the kids out there today (against City). We just want to make progress," said McMenemy.



Paisley again

LIVERPOOL boss Bob Paisley (above) has collected his third Bell's Manager of the Year award in four seasons . . . and a replica of the trophy for his own collection. It was presented on the Anfield pitch before the Merseyside giants thrashed Coventry 4-0.

England kids settle for 4th

ENGLAND'S young starlets found they have a lot to learn in the Yugoslavia Trophy '79 — a tournament for Under-18s.

The Yugoslavs gave a thrilling exhibition in the final against West Germany in Pula, coming out 2-0 winners with first-half goals from captain Krkic and Lulic.

England's youngsters lost 2-1 in the third place play-off against Czechoslovakia, a goal by young Bristol Rovers player Gary Mabbutt — brother of City's Kevin — being wiped out by goals from Smolik and Jeslinek.

Earlier in the tournament England had drawn 1-1 with West Germany. Scorers were Shaun Brooks (Palace) for England and Thiele for Germany.

Other England results included a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Poland (Dziekanowski the scorer), and a 2-0 win over Hungary, Mabbutt and Terry Gibson, Tottenham, the scorers.

The contest was fought out in two groups of four teams each, with the winners of each group making up the final.

The play-off for fifth and sixth places saw Rumania beat Hungary 2-1 and Poland and Istra — a local team — shared the last place after drawing 1-1.

Bell's big night

THE STARS of Manchester and Merseyside — present and past — turned out to say a fond farewell to the unforgettable Colin Bell at his testimonial at Maine Road on Tuesday (September 11).

A clash of dates — it kicked off the night before England's European Championship game against Denmark — meant some players pulling out.

But it still left a vast array of talent on display and with great names of the past like Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Francis Lee, Roger Hunt, Gordon West and Nobby Stiles contesting a half-time penalty contest.

Visa drama

TWO GLASGOW Celtic players were involved in a visa drama prior to their Champions' Cup match against Partizan Tirana yesterday (September 19).

According to a UEFA spokesman the two were named late by the Celtic manager and were not issued the documents in time.

It was only under the threat of a ban on further Albanian participation in Europe that visas were issued.

At our time of going to Press there are still problems, however, for a group of 24 people, including journalists, who accompanied the team.

**THURSDAY
IS
'MATCH' DAY**

Surprise job for McLean

WHEN Jim McLean (right) was appointed as assistant manager to the Scottish international team for the game against Peru, no one was more surprised at the news than the Dundee United boss himself.

"It came right out of the blue," said McLean. "Nevertheless, I regard it as a great honour, I'm pleased about it all."

McLean's appointment is part of Jock Stein's World Cup build-up, and the move is regarded as making the Dundee United starmaker favourite to eventually follow in the



manager's footsteps.

Said Stein. "Jim is a superb coach, and very experienced. I have the feeling we will get along very well."



Give me another chance Jock, says Harvey

A SEVEN-goal hammering followed by a confrontation with a rampant Nottingham Forest side who had scored 11 goals in two games – Leeds' keeper David Harvey (right) must have thought the Gods had it in for him.

But the former Scotland number one erased the memory of the League Cup lashing by Arsenal with another five-star performance to keep the Forest's forwards at bay – the first time this season they hadn't scored.

One save in particular stood out. A snap volley by Martin O'Neill was turned away just seconds after Harvey had

hauled himself to his feet after colliding with team-mate Paul Hart. And yet Harvey said luck played a big part in that save.

"I intended to step to my right to get a better view of the shot," Harvey said. "I don't know why but for some reason I went to my left. Fortunately that's where he struck it and I was able to save."

Harvey has good reason to dread the League Cup. The last time he conceded seven goals was in the same competition – against West Ham in 1966.

"Don Revie used to say that it was my best game under him," Harvey said. "The Arsenal tie was just one of those games when everything they tried came off."

Harvey's satisfaction at a succession of outstanding displays would be complete if former Leeds' boss Jock Stein included him in the Scotland squad again.

"You can't print how

disappointed I was not to be selected for the Peru game. I could understand his point of view as he had to build for the future. But I just wish he would pick me once more . . ."

Perm-anent ban!



MICK Jones – Mansfield Town's manager – has banned his players from having their hair permed because he thinks it detracts from their manly image. Hasn't done Liverpool hard man Phil Thompson (above) any harm . . .

Tough for Rangers

GLASGOW Rangers easily disposed of the Norwegian team Lillestrom in the European Cup Winners' Cup . . . but they can expect a much tougher game when they play West Germany's Fortuna Düsseldorf in the first round.

Fortuna reached the final of the competition last year, losing to Barcelona 4-3.

GUNNING FOR SAINTS

FOR the third time in two years Arsenal have been paired with Southampton in cup competitions. This time they meet in next week's Third round of the League Cup.

But Gunners' boss, Terry Neill, will not be taking the Saints lightly, despite his club's 7-0 annihilation of Leeds in the second leg re-match.

"We must not dwell on that win against Leeds," he said, "but concentrate on improving it."

It will be a tough game against Southampton, beaten by Nottingham Forest in last year's Wembley final.

Holders Forest, meanwhile, must visit improved Middlesbrough, while the North-east's only other survivors, Sunderland, take on Malcolm Allison's Manchester City, at Maine Road.

Giant killers of the second round, Southend, who toppled First Division Bolton, have been rewarded with a trip to West Ham,

and the prize for Chesterfield, who dumped Second Division Shrewsbury, is a visit to Anfield to meet mighty Liverpool.

Peterborough have a history of causing cup upsets and Bristol City will have to be on their guard if they are to avoid becoming yet another 'Posh' victim.

Matches are to be played week beginning September 24. The full draw is:

Mansfield Town v Queen's Park Rangers
Peterborough v Bristol City
Northampton v Brighton
Birmingham v Exeter
Crystal Palace v Wolves
Arsenal v Southampton
West Ham v Southend
Stoke City v Swindon
Grimsby v Notts County
Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest
West Bromwich Albion v Coventry
Aston Villa v Everton
Norwich v Manchester United
Manchester City v Sunderland
Liverpool v Chesterfield
Plymouth v Wimbledon

SOCCER SHORTS

NEW YORK Cosmos are making a nine-match tour of five Asian countries, starting on September 20 with a match in Hong Kong. Further matches are planned in South Korea, Indonesia, Japan and Singapore.

REFS are set for an extra year on the park. The League Management Committee are to experiment by raising the retirement age from 47 to 48.

CHELSEA's goalkeeper John Phillips returns to Stamford Bridge later this month after being on loan with Crewe.

JEREMY Charles (below) – 19-year-old son of former Wales' star Mel – is the first Robinson's Barley Water player of the month. He was chosen by a panel which included Bill Nicholson, Bill Shankly and chaired by England manager Ron Greenwood.

BLACKPOOL's board are sifting through applications for the manager's job left vacant by Bob Stokoe.



FORMER England and Manchester City boss Joe Mercer always insisted that Tony Towers' best position was in the centre of defence.

Birmingham chief Jim Smith had no hesitation in taking the advice of 'Genial Joe' and reverting Towers from his normal mid-field position to help stabilise his unconvincing defence.

The move has paid dividends and Towers has improved in confidence and stature with every game.

GOLDEN

Finish fit for a King

ANDY KING has no doubt that his goal against Derby was the best of his career – and one he is unlikely to better.

"Everything went perfectly and I could not have planned it better. I had intended to chest down Rossie's through ball and volley it home but it was too hard and I had to head it to the side past the defenders.

"I sensed the 'keeper was off his line and chipped it over his head. It was one of those one-in-a-million goals that you're not likely to repeat again.

The hardest part was the header and it wasn't a bad shot for my left peg either!

"It broke my scoring duck for the season and it meant so much for the team as well, which is why I shouted my delight to manager Gordon Lee sitting in the stand."



The finishing touch to a great goal . . . Andy King lobs the ball past Derby's David Langan and sends it on its way to goal. Seconds later the ball was in the back of the net with 'keeper John Middleton left helpless.

GOALS



Andy King (Everton) v Derby County, Division One, Baseball Ground, August 25, 1979.

THE KEY to counter attack is strike back . . . and strike back fast! And Everton certainly produced a lightning strike against Derby at the Baseball Ground on August 25.

It was the sort of goal managers work at in training but rarely are they able to see the fruits of their labours so perfectly executed. By his reaction on the bench, Gordon Lee was delighted.

Anxious to open their league goal account, Derby had put the pressure on in the early stages, but when John Barton cut out an intended pass for Roy Greenwood — amid Derby appeals for 'hands' — he immediately set Trevor Ross free on the right.

Ross had intelligently come deep to escape the shackles of Steve Buckley and quickly spotted Andy King's darting run through the heart of a back pedalling Derby defence.

King cleverly wrong footed Langan with a back flick with his head. And as the ball dropped he cheekily lobbed John Middleton who had encroached off his line.

Captured by the TV cameras, it was a goal sure to rank among the best when the elite are re-shown later this year.



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MORE AND more clubs are 'bleeding' more and more very young players in League life, but there's still scope for the evergreen loyalists. Ian Callaghan (Swansea City), Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham), Alan Oakes (Chester), and Mike Summerbee (Stockport County) are all set to complete 20 years of Football League service this season.



IT'S almost 'All change' in the Fourth Division managerial field. During the last 12 months alone as many as 15 of the 24 clubs have changed their chiefs. How long it will be before one or another of the remaining nine follow the trend is anybody's guess.



THIS is only Cambridge United's 10th season in the Football League, yet they've had at least twice as many players (13) sent off than others such as Ipswich Town, Leicester City, Q.P.R., and Swindon Town have had in the WHOLE of the 33 post-war seasons!



NOWHERE else in the country are managers more liable to find that the job is full of pitfalls than in London. Andy Nelson has been in charge at Charlton only since May, 1974, yet that makes him the longest-service chief among all the dozen in the capital!



PROLIFIC Scottish scorers in the Football League are fewer than for years and years. As many as 49 players begin the season with goal centuries in the competition behind them, and only three are Scots: Ted MacDougall (Bournemouth), Alec Bruce (Preston North End), and Don Masson (Notts. County).



Don Masson — a century of goals



Sky Blue sensation!

STEVE MURCOTT — the teenage goalkeeper with the mod hair style — arrived as a spectator for Coventry City's game against Norwich . . . and ended up man of the match.

Eighteen-year-old Steve — the club's third team keeper — was plucked from his grandstand seat to deputise for the injured Jim Blyth only seconds before the kick-off.

This week, still tingling from the memory of his dream debut, the Birmingham-born youngster relived the events of that dramatic day for **MATCH WEEKLY**.

"I didn't have time to feel nervous. I literally had seconds to get changed before I ran out on to the pitch," said Steve.

His day had begun normally enough. He reported to the club's training camp on the Saturday morning and kept goal in the youth team's goal-less draw against Nottingham Forest.

"That match finished at 12.40 and I left the training ground at 1.15 with my mum and dad and Peter Bodak, our youth team left-winger. We called at the local chip shop and arrived at Highfield Road at 1.30.

"Peter and I stood around with some of the other lads wise-cracking and so on, and then we went into one of the stadium bars for a coke and some crisps.

"I sat down next to mum and dad in the stand with about three minutes to go before kick-off and straight away I saw Jim Blyth was in trouble on the pitch. I ran down to the dressing rooms to see how he was . . . it was pandemonium," recalled Steve.

He had no sooner put his head round the door before someone said: "Get stripped — you're playing.

"I literally threw my clothes on the floor and yanked on some

HOW SUPER SUB STEVE SAVED CITY



Above: Coventry City's 17-year-old goalkeeper Steve Murcott saves bravely at the feet of Norwich City's Mick McGuire.



Left: Coventry 'keeper Jim Blyth (centre) leaves the field, with manager Gordon Milne (left) and trainer George Dalton, after he had trapped a nerve in his spine during the pre-match warm-up.



When he's at home in Little Aston, this is where Steve Murcott practises — a full-size goalpost rigged in his back garden. He was recommended to Coventry by Shirley Wylie, wife of assistant manager Ron, who spotted him playing in a Sutton Coldfield park match on Boxing Day.

goalkeepers' kit. The shorts were too tight for me, but I had no time to bother about changing them," said Steve.

It was lucky that Steve's boots were handy — thanks to the morning match he had played in: "I take size 10 and the only other player in the club who takes that size is Jim Holton. Jim Blyth's boots are size 8½."

What happened in the game is now history. It kicked-off five minutes late as young Steve raced to his goalmouth. He then proceeded to make a dream debut with Coventry winning 2-0 against the team who were at the time League leaders with a 100 per cent record.

Looking back on the game Steve said: "Mum couldn't stand it. Every time a centre came over she covered her eyes."

When the final whistle sounded the Coventry players lined up to hug the youngster who became the first keeper this season to stop Norwich scoring.

"I must confess it brought tears to my eyes when the other lads applauded me off. I couldn't sleep that night. I went through every minute of that match in my mind and it is a memory that will stay with me forever," said Steve.

HALF TIME

HAVE FUN ON OUR SOCCER PUZZLE PAGE

Results of the Funny Caption Competition which appeared in our September 6-12 issue will be published in next week's **MATCH WEEKLY**.

● *Kenny Dalglish broke the all-time Scottish cap record. But when? See question 14.*



HOW'S your soccer knowledge? Here's your chance to see how you square up to the man who this year won the title of BBC Radio Brain of Sport, Julian Pincher, who compiled this week's brain teasing quiz.

Turn to page 42 for the answers.

1. Who is the current chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association?
2. Who was voted Young Footballer of the Year by the P.F.A. in 1979?
3. Which club defeated Leeds United in 1971 to become permanent holders of the original Inter Cities Fairs Cup?
4. Which England player missed from the penalty spot in the last minute of their 1-0 defeat by Bulgaria in the semi-final of the 1979 European Youth Tournament?
5. Which team won the 1979 Welsh Cup?
6. Name the two teams involved in the match which was postponed 30 times in the 1979 Scottish F.A. Cup?
7. Who scored both goals for Stafford Rangers in their 2-0 victory over Kettering Town in the 1979 F.A. Challenge Trophy Final?
8. Which clubs play their home matches on the following grounds?
(a) Oakwell (b) Boundary Park (c) Somerton Park
9. Name the player who scored all four goals in the 2-2 draw Leicester City - Aston Villa match in 1976.
10. Who scored Manchester United's only goal in the 1968 World Club Championship Final?
11. Until 1966 the Football League Cup was held on a two-leg basis. Only one player had scored in both legs of a final. Name him.
12. Which man scored 4 goals for England against Scotland at Wembley in 1955?
13. Who was the goalkeeper who left Crystal Palace in December, 1964, for a then record fee for a goalkeeper of £35,000?
14. Against which country did Kenny Dalglish surpass Denis Law's all-time Scottish cap record?
15. Name the first Second Division team to win the F.A. Cup.
16. Who scored twice against England sides on successive nights in the 1977/78 season?
17. Who was the first teenager to command a £100,000 fee in British soccer?
18. Which club plays its home games on the Windsor Park pitch in Belfast?
19. Which team since the last war reached the F.A. Cup Final despite losing a match in the first round?
20. Which former manager of a London club made his one and only international appearance for England against Czechoslovakia in 1963?

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ACROSS

1. Side that scored the first League goal of this season (7,4)
8. See 20 down.
9. Italian club whose many famous players have included Facchetti, Mazzola and Gerry Hitchens (5)
11. Top League scorer for Brighton last season (6)
12. Edgar _____ is the home of Hereford (6)

14. Nickname of Blackpool (9)
17. City side at St James's Park (6)
19. Forward famous for his number 14 shirt . . . seen during the summer in the colours of Los Angeles Aztecs (6)
22. Warsaw side that Deyna left for Manchester City (5)
23. An automatic choice (7)
24. One of the biggest of the big-money movers between English clubs during the summer (5,6)

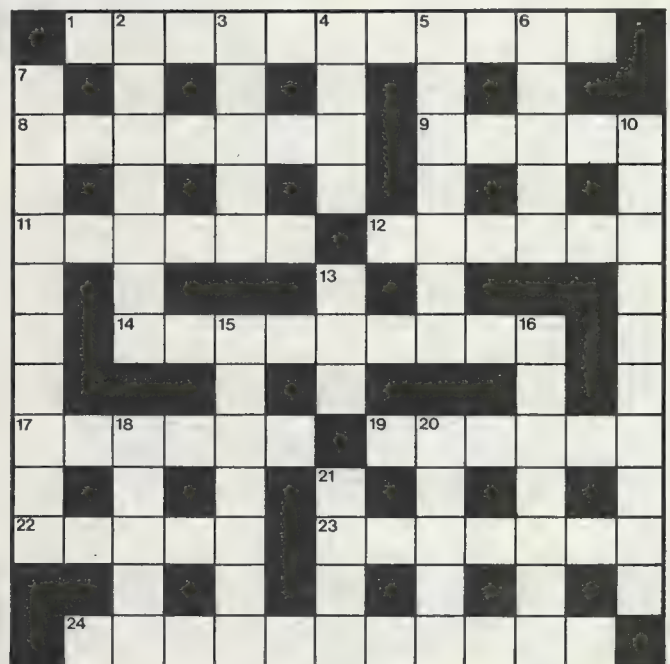
DOWN

2. Welsh international who kicked off the season with Wrexham and whose earlier clubs include Arsenal and Birmingham (7)
3. It comes before Kempes (5)
4. Nickname of Brentford (4)
5. Prickly growth at Firhill Park? (7)
6. Top League scorer for Newcastle last season (5)
7. The *third* side managed by Ally MacLeod in the last year or so (10)
10. Old England winger who saw

- long service with Newcastle and Arsenal (twice - having left for a short spell as manager of Stoke) (10)
13. _____ Davidson had a spell with 14ac after leaving 7dn (3)
15. League positions used to be determined on goal _____ (7)
16. The colours of Coventry (3,4)
18. High-flyer in the crest of Crystal Palace (5)
- 20 & 8ac. Goal-scorer in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final (5,7)
21. Bruce Bannister and Alan Warboys were the scoring duo dubbed 'Smash and _____' (4)

MATCH WEEKLY CROSSWORD No. 2

compiled by David Peck



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Ballerina and the Boot!



I THOUGHT it would be a good idea this week to talk about the differences between the physical side of the game in Argentina and England.

As you know I have been out of action for a couple of weeks with an ankle injury. I went into a tackle with Manchester City's Ray Ranson, twisted it, and strained ligaments.

It is the longest time I have been out of action and can honestly say there is no worse feeling for a player. I can't wait to lace my boots up again.

In writing about the physical side of football I am in no way implying that Ranson was to blame for my injury. It was a fair challenge and just one of those things.

But it is a topic that people like to discuss with me. A common question is: "How can you, the Ballerina, cope with the physical demands of the game here?"

I can only say that although it is hard, it is nothing compared to what goes on in my home country. Some of the players there make

your 'hard men' look like angels!

The Argentinian mentality is to win at all costs. Nothing matters as long as the points are in the bag at the end of the day. Many say that this same attitude is ruining the game here, but I can't agree.

In England the managers, players and referees are concerned primarily with putting on a spectacle for the fans. Their aim is to give them a game to remember.

But in Argentina the thinking is different. Their game is littered with fouls. It's stop, stop, stop all the time as the referee keeps blowing his whistle. You can count yourselves lucky to see as much football as you do in England. Over there they only play 65 minutes after taking away the time for stoppages. But here you probably see 80 to 75 minutes.

This attitude is killing the Argentinian game. People are 'not going to league matches now because of the violence. Even the big games, the finals, don't attract the crowds because everybody knows they will be ruined by the fouls. There is no football played. It is kick, kick, kick all the time, with yellow card after yellow card.

It is very difficult to play football because the other team keep going for your legs instead of the ball. There are so many players there with bad intentions. In England there is more tackling — but it is with good intention. Players go for the ball instead of the man.

As an example, Boca Juniors, Argentina's premier side, played Olympia of Paraguay in the final of the South American Cup recently. In the second leg four people were sent off within the first three minutes of the first half! Two were also dismissed in the second half. It was unbelievable.

Compare this to the English F.A. cup final, Arsenal v Manchester United. One of the biggest — probably the biggest — game of the season. Of course, it was a hard game, but there was no kicking, no yellow cards and everybody was happy.

There are exceptions and your League does have some nasty players. The Tommy Smith tackle on me in the League Cup last year aroused a lot of publicity. I have forgotten it now, but at the time it upset me.



Tommy Smith — his tackle upset me.

He deliberately went for me. I don't like him or the other players who play like him. I don't like this sort of football, it is not good for the game.

See you next week.

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match action

SUNDERLAND'S evergreen goalscorer Bryan 'Pop' Robson shields the ball from Chelsea's Micky Nutton (left) and Gary Locke during this season's game at Stamford Bridge. Robson was quick to make an impact on his return to the North East, scoring three times in his first few games after rejoining the 'Rokerites' from West Ham.



I'M NO JIMMY JOHNSTONE

says
Davie Provan

I JOINED Celtic from Kilmarnock on September 18, 1978 — almost exactly one year ago — for what was then a Scottish record-breaking transfer fee of £120,000. So perhaps now is as good a time as any to review my progress in the game.

Satisfied? Well I think I would be less than professional if I said yes to that, but I do think my game has improved and progressed in the 12 months since I left my job in a Gourrock distillery to become a full-time player at Celtic Park.

I know that events since then have overtaken what at the time looked like a huge transfer fee. Frank McGarvey joined Liverpool for £300,000, Tony Fitzpatrick went to Bristol City for £250,000, Gregor Stevens has joined Rangers for £150,000 and now Ray Stewart has gone to West Ham for £400,000.

School chums

RANGERS new signing Gregor Stevens could replace old school pal Alex Miller in the Ibrox side.

Stevens and Miller both attended the same school in the vast Drumchapel housing scheme in Glasgow.

With Stevens also a back four player, Miller seems the likeliest candidate to have to make room for the £150,000 star.

Bigger gates

PREMIER League attendances at the start of the new season show an increase of 58,000 on the same period in season 1978/79.

This encouraging news comes from a report from the Scottish League, along with the announcement that they have tied up a three-year sponsorship deal worth £270,000 for the League Cup.

The top prize for winning the trophy is £15,000.

Hegarty signs

DUNDEE United have made international defender Paul Hegarty one of Scotland's highest-paid players with a bumper six-year contract.

With the departure of Ray Stewart to West Ham for £400,000 and David Narey and Graeme Payne seeking a move, manager Jim McLean wants to convince the fans that the club are serious about holding on to their best players if possible.

But at the time I must confess I was more than a little worried at having to live up to that big fee when I moved to Parkhead.

And if that wasn't enough I was also aware that I was about to be compared with the legendary Jimmy Johnstone, a player incidentally who was always very much a hero of mine.

Perhaps that was because I, too, was a winger small in stature and with the reputation of also being a bit of a ball-player.

On the transfer fee Billy McNeill laid it very clearly on the line. He said quite simply I had no need to prove anything.

The reason he paid that kind of money for me was because he knew what I was capable of doing.

That, of course, was a big boost and helped me settle quickly to assist the club to a League Championship win and a place in the European Cup.

I've been particularly worried about the problems surrounding our game with Partizan Tirana of Albania because I was looking forward so much to my first taste of European football.

I have, of course, played for Scotland against European opposition at Under-21 level, but this is my first venture with a club and that is always special to a player.

Regarding the comparison with Jimmy Johnstone, I really believe there is no comparison at all.

For a start I don't have anything like the close control wee Jimmy had. It was simply magical the way he could keep the ball tied to his foot.

I rely much more on using the ball accurately and I can visualise situations — what most managers would call 'vision'.

But if I can keep the Celtic fans even half as happy as Johnstone did then I'll have achieved a lot.

Turning full-time with Celtic was, of course, a great step for me. Any player with ambition who wants to stay in Scotland must think in terms of either Celtic or Rangers, who attract the biggest crowds and have the best support.

I am now 23-years-old and I would hope I am approaching the best part of my career. The icing on the cake would be to

attract the attention of Scotland boss Jock Stein. I won my Under-21 caps with Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod.

But really the main job is to help keep Celtic in the forefront of the Scottish game.

Following our Championship win last season we have made a reasonably good start to this one. I'd like nothing better than another League medal to add to the one I've got — with a good run in Europe a very enjoyable bonus.



Paul Hegarty — costly contract

Fergie suffers

ABERDEEN boss Alex Ferguson, banned from the dug-out until the end of the year, is finding it can be just as tough sitting in the directors' box.

The volatile 'Fergie' was barred from sitting at the track-side after some spectacular clashes with referees — the first time the SFA had taken such drastic action.

Sitting in the stand he finds he has become the target of the irate fans around him when Aberdeen play away from home.



Alex Ferguson — hard time



Davie Provan — since his arrival at Parkhead just a year ago he has been compared with the legendary Scottish winger Jimmy Johnstone (pictured far left).

ONE-MAN REBELLION

SCOTLAND Player of the Year Andy Ritchie (right) recently conducted what must have been the shortest one-man rebellion ever.

On a Friday morning, the newspaper headlines were blazing the story that 23-year-old Andy had walked out, saying he would never kick another football for Morton.

Twenty-four hours later he walked back in to play and score a goal in the game against Aberdeen.

Morton boss Benny Rooney, acting swiftly, held a meeting with the player and got him to return by promising to place him on the transfer list.

The only club to enquire about Ritchie were Partick Thistle, although Newcastle United are also reckoned to be interested.



Andy Ritchie — rebel

Sinclair set to return

BILLY Sinclair could be returning to Northern Ireland football, after his phenomenal success with League of Ireland club Sligo Rovers.

His name has been linked with the vacant post at Portadown, who have denied making any approaches to Cliftonville's Jackie Hutton.

If Hutton does join Portadown, and this seems very much on the cards, then Sinclair could perhaps take over at Solitude.

Sinclair, a Scot with a fanatical zeal for football, spent the summer coaching in California and is now making a coast-to-coast tour of various soccer schools and clinics.

Tough task

BALLYMENA manager Alan Campbell, former Grimsby Town half-back, reckons he must have the toughest job in British football and few people would disagree.

All his club's home matches are switched to the venue of opponents after show jumping and stock-car racing seriously damaged their municipally-owned pitch during the close-season.

Yet he has steered United to a pace-setting position in the Ulster Cup with superb performances of constructive football and most important of all, scoring power, normally a lost art in the Irish League.

"He is the best manager we have had in the 17 years I have been associated with the club," commented chairman David McKeown.

Campbell's £10,000 speculation on Glenavon striker Paul Malone has proved to be a wise move. For much of the 90 minutes Malone 'disappears', but then explodes into action with match-winning goals.

United supporters, too, have been loyally travelling to away fixtures in large numbers, but even so the financial drain has been immense.

Club officials, however, are hoping to resume playing at the Showground in mid-October — certainly before the start of the League Championship in November.

Cashing in

IRISH League Champions Linfield are to continue with their European fund-raising efforts even if they top their £15,000 target, the cost of being forced to play the European Cup preliminary round second leg against Dundalk in Haarlem Holland.

Any additional cash raised will be used for the next European venture which will also necessitate two away fixtures — all part of the UEFA punishment.

"Once we qualify again, hopefully it will be next season, then we can approach UEFA for qualification on certain points," said Linfield secretary Derek Brooks.

Question to be asked is: Does the ban on Windsor Park still mean playing it on the Continent, or would an English or Scottish venue be acceptable next time around, provided the opposition is foreign?

No matter what happens Linfield estimate they will lose around £30,000, all because of the folly of the minority of so-called supporters in the Dundalk first leg.

Fortunately the genuine supporters have rallied magnificently.

Best boost

GLENTORAN continue negotiations with Fulham for the release of George Best to play in four matches next month, with the £1,000 fee provided by an anonymous sponsor.

"George seems genuinely interested in this move. Once he sorts himself out in the United States and returns permanently to Britain then he could become available," said Glentoran chairman Johnston Nelson.

"It may not be long-term planning, but at least his presence will give us an uplift and no doubt stimulate players," said manager Ronnie McFall.

Concentration at the Oval these days is on youth, but even McFall wonders just how patient fans will be. They won't wait too long for results.



George Best — available

Mal on move?

GLENAVON striker Mal McDonald could be the next Irish League player on the move. Glasgow Celtic have renewed interest in him.

McDonald promised much two seasons ago, but then faded out of the picture. Now however, he has made an excellent comeback.

If any deal goes through then the transfer fee will be infinitely higher than the £10,000 paid to the Lurgan club by Ballymena for Paul Malone.

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Derby v Middlesbro'.....

Ipswich v Everton.....

Liverpool v Norwich.....

Man. C. v Coventry.....

Stoke v C. Palace.....

Spurs v W.B.A.....

Wolves v Man. U.....

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York C. v Stockport C.....



SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Premier Division

Aberdeen v Celtic.....

Dundee U. v Partick T.....

Hibernian v St. Mirren.....

Morton v Kilmarnock.....

Rangers v Dundee.....

Division One

Ayr U. v St. Johnstone.....

Berwick R. v Stirling A.....

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Dumbarton v Arbroath.....

Hamilton A. v Dunf'line.....

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Division Two

Albion R. v Stranraer.....

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Cowd'th v Forfar A.....

Falkirk v Brechin C.....

Meadowbank v Q. of South...

Montrose v East Stirling.....

St'muir v Queen's Park.....



ON Saturday Derby entertain Middlesbrough for the second time in 25 days. Our picture, showing Derby's John Duncan rising above Middlesbrough's centre-back Billy Ashcroft, is from the earlier meeting, the League Cup 1st round (2nd leg) clash which Middlesbrough won 1-0.

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ATKINSON

ANALYSING two of the best strikers in the game . . . that's the intriguing task I've set myself this week.

Although, at the time of writing, Francis has yet to pull on a shirt in the First Division this season, I've watched him often enough to draw the conclusion that we have yet to see the best of him.



As for Dalglish I feel he has reached his peak — and what a peak. I hope I'm not wrong, because if he does improve that will be a problem for all of us!

Let me first consider their shooting, in which they are both very much on a par. Hitting shots on the turn is probably their greatest asset.

Francis possibly scores more goals than Dalglish from outside the box, but overall in finishing there is hardly a hair's breadth between them. Francis can make more individual efforts because I feel he is the better dribbler and has the ability to carry the ball, but against that Dalglish creates more chances for himself — probably due to the fact that he has played in a better side for longer.

I'd shade Francis on ball control, nine to eight. He's got more instant touch, but Dalglish links people together better and is a better combination player, but on passing Dalglish has the edge, because of this ability he has to join more people into attack. He likes to play with his back to defenders and have the ball played up to him, holds it up, then brings the supporting men into play.

Vision

Both are right-sided players and I can't fault them here, but Francis gets my vote on the left — he's a bit sharper.

Dalglish scores for me on vision, he's more aware of what's around him, whereas Trevor has had to play more as an individual.

Left: Trevor Francis — the fastest thing in football over 30 yards.

Right: Dalglish — always aware of what's around him.

WHEN it comes to exciting strikers, Trevor Francis of Nottingham Forest and England and Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool and Scotland, are the best in the business.

What a combination they would make in a British team!

West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Atkinson has chosen them for the subject of his analysis this week and, as always, it makes compelling reading . . .

Neither of them are the best headers in the world although Francis took that European Cup winner against Malmo so well. They're not great tacklers, either, but Dalglish harasses effectively.

Team play is a difficult category to analyse because Kenny has played in good teams at Celtic and Liverpool — far longer than Trevor, who so often had to go-it-alone at Birmingham. But surrounded by a lot of good players, I am sure Trevor's team play will improve.

Speed is a key asset to a striker and this is where Francis scores well on my chart — he is arguably the quickest thing in the game over 30 yards.

As I said these two are for me, the best two match-winners in the game today with a temperament to complement their fantastic abilities.

I've seen both get rattled many times but I've never seen it affect them. Ten out of ten for that and a suitable note to sign off on!

See you next week.



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Now Charlie's the darling of the Dell

It may be little more than a half-whispered wishful thought in the locals of Hampshire at the moment, but by the middle of this season it would easily swell into an insistent roar from Southampton fans — Charlie George for England!

The forgotten prodigal of international soccer, who abruptly ended his England career by refusing to make himself available unless it was for the senior team itself, has long since been disregarded by the football world in that context.

Yet, if the opening skirmishes of the new campaign down at The Dell are any guide, George is well on the way to recapturing the compelling, magnetic originality of style that made him a national hero with Arsenal and then Derby.

Recovering rapidly from the knee operation he underwent at the end of last season, the summer weeks of lone fitness training are beginning to pay dividends for George and Southampton.

The club and the fans, who waited patiently for George to make his home debut this season eight months after his £250,000 New Year move to Derby, are convinced the best of his talents are yet to be unfolded.

And, with George still only 28, they may be able to add considerable weight to their argument that the former Cockney rebel has gifts that the England set-up can ill afford to ignore.

In his favour is the fact that England manager Ron Greenwood is not an inflexible man and has shown in the past that he is prepared to ignore a player's previous indiscretions. If George is playing well enough for his club



Happy days for Charlie George at Derby with the League Championship trophy. Now, after a time in the doldrums, he's smiling again with Southampton.

and Greenwood is convinced the player now has the right attitude towards representative football, a surprise recall to international duty is not impossible.

Certainly, there are many good judges in the game who believe we have wastefully neglected George at England level.

Only last season Bobby Charlton, England's most celebrated and respected mid-field star, said he saw George as the ideal man to inherit his old England shirt.

For the moment, though, Charlie has only one purpose in life and that is to repay the confidence Saints' boss Lawrie McMenemy has shown in him. Thoughts devoted to a possible England return amount to no more than dreams at this stage. And when it comes to the professional business of football Charlie has no time for dreaming.

Says George: "My main aim at the moment is to continue my present progress. I still feel the old twinge in my knee but that will eventually clear up.

"I really enjoy playing for Southampton and I just hope I can help them to win something this season. When we get our full strength side together we have the kind of blend that could go well.

"Everyone at The Dell has gone out of their way to make me feel at home since I arrived at the club and I feel really settled. I was given all the time I needed to get my knee trouble sorted out and I'll always appreciate that.

"I don't think I've ever looked forward to a season more than I have this one. It's great to be back in the action."



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Micky-taker!

FIRST of all I would like to offer my congratulations to Micky Thomas who surprised everyone at Old Trafford a couple of weeks ago by getting married.

He married on a Monday and kept quiet about the whole thing all week. The first the rest of the lads knew about it was when we read it on the front page of a Sunday newspaper.

The day before the story broke we had played Arsenal at Highbury and drawn 0-0. On the train coming home the topic of conversation had somehow turned to marriage and Micky was taking great delight in asking everyone to predict when they thought he was going to get married.

It was only the next day when we read the story in the paper that we realised he was most definitely taking the 'Micky'.

Mike so far has been one of the success stories of our team. He joined us half way through last year and, because of the change in routine and travelling every day from Wrexham, I don't think he showed us his true form.

This season with his marriage and added responsibility off the park he seems to have responded by taking on more responsibility on the park.

By his own admission Micky is a nervous and shy person, but he again surprised everyone after Jimmy Greenhoff got injured by volunteering to take the penalties.



In our game against Aston Villa, Ashley Grimes was fouled in the penalty area. The crowd was in a real frenzy, but the calmest man in the ground was Micky and he duly slotted away a perfect penalty.

If all this happens when you get married I might just give it a try!

It was after the Villa game, which was shown on TV, that people began to see that United were possibly a team to threaten Liverpool and Forest. It's a situation we like, but we have no intention of letting any early praise make us complacent.

Challenge

The most pleasing thing about the start to the season has been our form at Old Trafford where we have played quite well. This is vital because it was at home last year that we lost any hope of mounting a sustained challenge in the league as our away form more or less matched all the top teams.

Our poor home form made us feel guilty for a couple of reasons. Obviously, as professionals, there is nothing worse than losing on your own

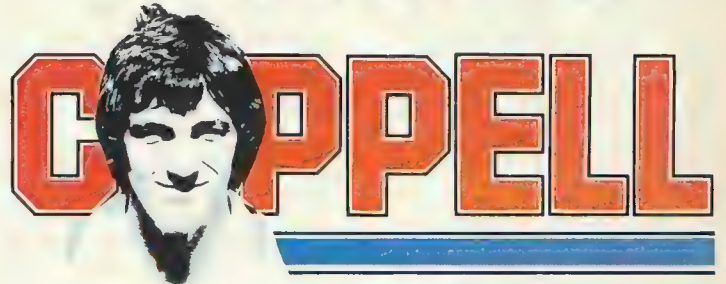
pitch in front of your own people and we felt guilty for not entertaining our supporters at Old Trafford. This was reflected by a slight fall in the average home attendance.

It was felt a lot by the players as, because of our extensive supporters' club and the functions the players attend, there is a great affinity between the man in the street and the players so that we could hear, at first hand, the fans unrest.

In the few weeks that this season has been going all the players have noticed a completely different feedback from the supporters.

Players can often sense the atmosphere of a crowd and whether they think we are going to win, lose or draw and this is often transferred to the players.

So far we have won our three home games so this speaks volumes for the support from the fans. If we can keep this up we will not only answer Jimmy Hill's call to entertain and pack them in at home games we will also find ourselves near the top of the table at the end of the season.



With his marriage and added responsibility off the park, Micky Thomas seems to have responded by taking on more responsibility on the park.



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Buildin

MIDDLESBROUGH manager John Neal doesn't believe in doing things by half.

Not content with building a successful side, he wants them to be entertaining as well. His ambition is also to form a great club off the pitch.

Neal's task is that much harder bearing in mind what's happened at other clubs where ambition exceeded the bank balance.

And it's going to take a succession of outstanding displays to finally convince the cynics who all too often label Boro' as dreary, defensive and dull.

This season has shown the first signs that at least Neal is on the right road. A brilliant start to the season won applause not only for the results, but the way they were achieved.

"The word is getting around that Middlesbrough are buzzing and this is great," Neal said.

"To be successful and entertaining as well is so important. I've always

'Boro' are buzzing again, says John Neal

encouraged flair and improvisation and we've got the players here to do it."

In his third season at Ayresome Park, Neal is the complete opposite of his predecessor – the brash and breezy Jack Charlton.

In fact he's been described as the 'introvert introvert'. But his methods are just as effective and he's already made many changes around the ground for the better.

"When I became manager at Wrexham the place was a shambles," Neal said. "By either good luck or good management I built a good team and a good club. I'm hoping to do the same here at Middlesbrough."

Middlesbrough were formed in 1876 with an initial formation of 1–2–8! They turned professional in 1899 and in the following season were elected to Division Two of the Football League.

In 1903 the club moved to its present ground in Ayresome Park. Two years later they created history, becoming the first club to be involved in a transfer fee that topped the magical £1,000 figure.

The signing of Alf Common from Sunderland caused considerable unrest in football circles as it was considered unethical to buy players to keep a club out of relegation trouble.

Season 1926–27 was a memorable one: Middlesbrough winning the Division Two Championship with 62 points, eight clear of runners-up Portsmouth. The goals-for column was 122 with George

Straight-talking chairman

"IF YOU put a mask on a lot of today's top professionals they would make Dick Turpin look like a choir boy."

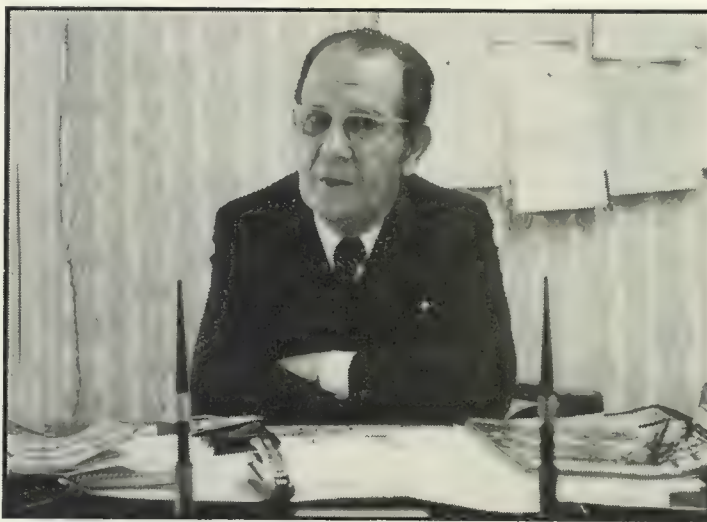
A controversial quote from a controversial character – especially as the speaker once pledged to do all he could to improve the lot of a professional footballer.

Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer is not averse to stirring up the odd hornet's nest. Statements like this make him a reporter's dream:

"If directors don't impress on players that there is not enough money to cope with their demands, football will soon be a dead duck."

Away from football Mr Amer is a highly-successful businessman, owning hotels, building and engineering firms.

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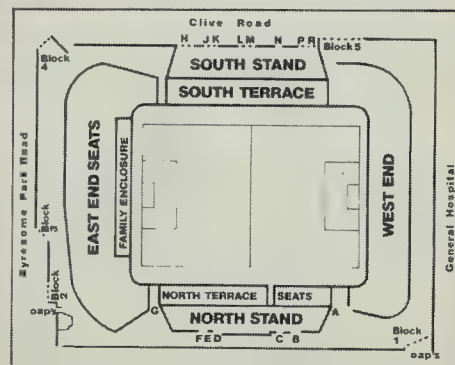
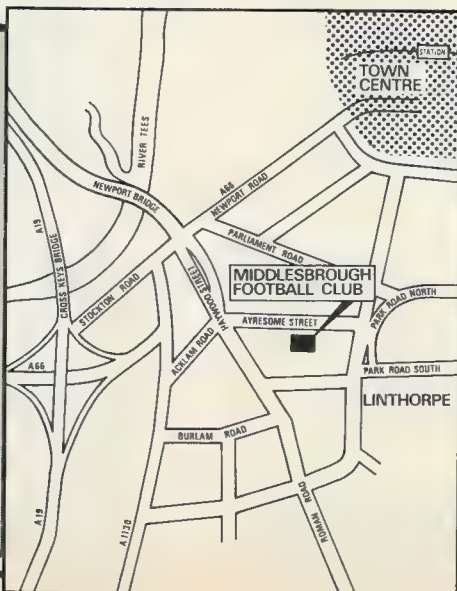
Middlesbrough chairman Charles Amer.

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By road: From the north – take the A19 over Cross Keys Bridge and then join A66. In 1.5 miles (at the roundabout) take the fourth exit into Heywood Street. At the end turn left to Ayresome Street for Middlesbrough F.C.

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Spotlight on
Middlesbrough



Stage . . . manager! Ayresome Park boss John Neal and the ground where, he says: "We aim to be successful and entertaining."

Camsell scoring 59, both records still standing today.

One of Middlesbrough's most famous sons is Brian Clough. He made his debut in September, 1955 against Barnsley. The game ended 1-1 and for once Clough did not score, but he went on to play 223 League and Cup games scoring 203 goals before being transferred to Sunderland in 1961.

The humiliation of being relegated to Division Three for the first time in the club's history in season 65-66 was partly erased when Ayresome Park was chosen as one of the venues for the '66 World Cup.

The euphoria surrounding that honour was reflected on the pitch the following season when 'Boro bounced back at the first attempt.

Manager Stan Anderson gradually rebuilt the side for the promotion push

But his team never realised its potential and he resigned in season 72-73.

Despite a lot of advice from the Press the Board knew exactly who they wanted to replace him and when his distinguished playing career with Leeds came to an end they appointed Jack Charlton.

In his first season Middlesbrough carried all before them and after losing their second game, went unbeaten until the turn of the year.

Promotion was assured with seven games left and they finally went up by a margin of 15 points - the biggest in any Division Two season.

The best days of my life

HAROLD Shepherdson has been with Middlesbrough Football Club for more than 30 years. But he is best known for a part-time job he held for 17 years - trainer to the England side.

"Those were the best days of my life," 'Boro assistant manager Harold Shepherdson says without any hesitation. "I wish I was starting out all over again."

And the highlight? Again the answer comes back like lightning: "It has to be the '66 World Cup. The work that went into winning that competition was amazing."

"The secret was that we were not afraid to learn from the foreign sides."

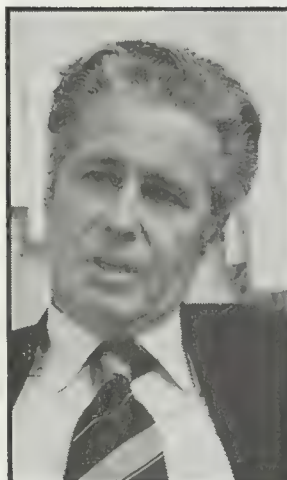
Shepherdson's England service took in 164 full internationals and numerous Under-23 games.

When Alf Ramsey was ousted in 1974, Don Revie brought his own backroom men in. Shepherdson's great run was at an end and he was able to devote his energy 100 per cent to Middlesbrough.

Born in the city, Shepherdson played centre-half for his home team and appeared in the same side as Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

"Even in those days Clough had fixed ideas and was obviously a very determined young man. He was always wanting to be successful."

Shepherdson was offered the job of assistant trainer in 1949 and ultimately became first-team



Assistant manager Harold Shepherdson . . . "I feel happier as a no. 2."

trainer. In '72 he stepped up to become assistant manager.

He has had opportunities to be his own boss - at Middlesbrough and elsewhere. But each time he's declined.

"I feel happier as a number two and consider I am of more use to the club in that position."

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the spotlight on
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Fans flourish

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HOW many women envy Mrs Violet Frost as she goes about her daily work? For every home match sees her entertain Boro's first-team squad, manager and coaching staff to lunch!

Mrs Frost is the landlady at the Medhurst Hotel for Middlesbrough's young players - a hotel also used by the first-team for pre-match talks.

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MIDDLESBROUGH's new commercial manager is the originator of that famous quote which was repeated time and time again in the summer as the debate on players' wages heated up.

As an outside-right for Aberdeen between 1949-52, Duncan Gibson never earned big money and queried his wages one day with manager Dave Halliday.

Gibson earned £8 in the winter and £4 in the summer. He said they were unrealistic in comparison to centre-forward George Hamilton who earned £20 and £15.

"But Hamilton is a far better player than you," said the manager. "Not in the summer he's not," was Gibson's swift reply.

After five years as Sunderland F.C. development manager, Gibson stepped up to commercial manager a month ago.

GOODISON IDOL GOES 'HOME'

RIGHT: Burnley manager Harry Potts — delighted to have Dobson back at Turf Moor for the second time.

FAR RIGHT: Martin Dobson's grace and style entertained the Goodison Park crowd for five years.

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ONE of the most surprising transfers of the hectic close-season involved Everton's stylish mid-field man Martin Dobson. He took his creative talents to Burnley to resume a Turf Moor career after a break of five years.

The move from the heights of the First Division to a mid-table Division Two team puzzled many followers.

Dobson himself was certain the move was right: "I had spent a happy time here before, knew the set-up and was pleased to come home."

When his contract came up for renewal at the end of last season Dobson made use of the new-found freedom and considered several offers.

It was not an easy decision. Two continental teams were among several sides anxious to get him on their payroll.

But he plumped for Burnley as they were able to give him the security of a four-year contract. And he could continue to live at his Southport home.

Dobson isn't the only Burnley player enjoying a second spell with the Lancashire club.

Team-mates include Steve Kindon and Leighton James who both returned to the fold after a period away.

"It speaks volumes of Burnley that players of this calibre are eager to come back," Dobson said.

"It shows the feeling of warmth and spirit that exists."

Dobson's silky, composed skills were the perfect ingredients for an Everton team who based their play on power and speed.

The sight of him on the ball probing for openings was one to behold.

"They were a marvellous five years at Goodison and I shall always be grateful to them for enabling me to play at the highest level in front of such a great crowd.

"I was disappointed we did not win anything but we finished high-up in the table and reached the League Cup Final. Unfortunately, in a city like Liverpool, that's nowhere near good enough!"

Dobson set a record cash transfer fee when he moved from Burnley to Everton for £300,000.

He hit the headlines again when he made the return journey for his value was one of the first to be decided by the new transfer tribunal.

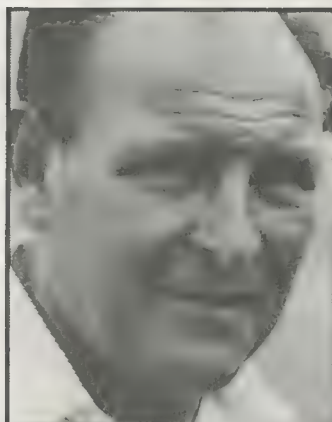
Everton valued him at £350,000, Burnley offered £70,000 and the fee was settled on £100,000.

"It's a difficult situation for the tribunal because it is all so new, but I think £100,000 was pretty fair."

Dobson's experience — he won five full England caps — allied to that of Kindon and James must stand Burnley in good stead as they attempt to haul their way out of Division Two.

A poor start makes it an uphill struggle this season and Dobson feels more players are needed to increase competition for places.

"But the set-up here is geared to top-class football and, if we can't actually achieve promotion this time, perhaps we can get things right for a big push next year."



Leighton James, also enjoying his second spell at Turf Moor.

Rocky's back-a star



Former Newcastle player Ray 'Rocky' Hudson, who was sold for £45,000 to Fort Lauderdale Strikers two years ago, is wanted by Feyenoord and St. Etienne.

RAY 'Rocky' Hudson, the Newcastle United schemer who was shipped off to the United States for £45,000, is coming home this winter — as a star.

In his two years with Fort Lauderdale Strikers in sun-drenched Florida he has rubbed shoulders with some of soccer's all-time greats.

Superstars like George Best, Gerd Muller and Cubillas, the Peruvian ace who shattered Scotland's World Cup dream in Argentina.

They reckon Rocky is now something special. So do two top European clubs.

He is wanted in Holland by Feyenoord and in France by St. Etienne.

Said Rocky, "Gerd Muller

suggested to his old club, Bayern Munich, that they should sign me, but the German F.A. won't accept players from the United States.

"By the way, he is a fabulous gent and still worthy of his 'Der Bomber' title when he is around the box.

"We call him our 'garbage collector' because he is always there to pick up the scraps.

"Cubillas is the best player I have ever played with and on his day he is in the Pele class.

"I might be playing for St. Etienne this winter — the French impressed me in the World Cup — but Feyenoord looks favourite because Fort Lauderdale officials want me to go to Holland," said Rocky.



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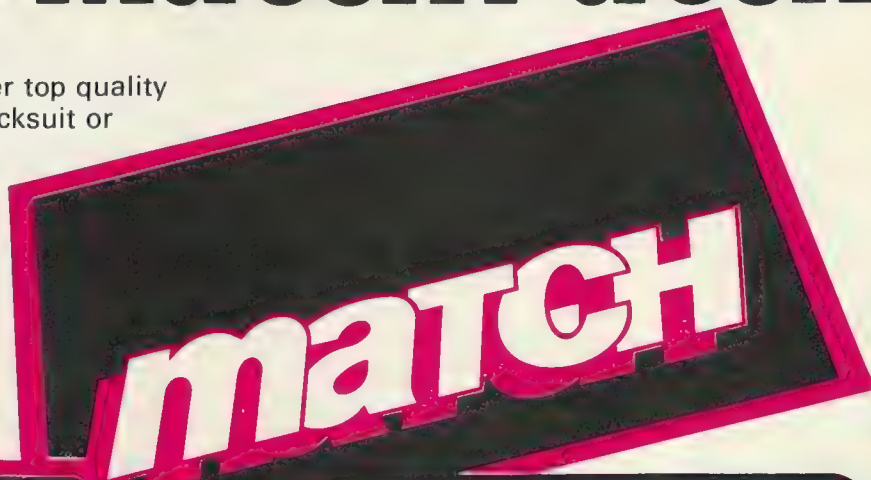
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SWEDEN (1) 1 (Backe 23)
FRANCE (1) 3 (Lacombe 13, Platini 54, Battiston 70)
 Att: 14,395
 Sweden: Hellstrom, Rommberg, Joensson, Borg, Erlandsson, Nordin, Linderot, Nordgren, Gronhagen (sub. Svensson), Backe, Johansson.
 France: Dropsy, Battiston, Specht (sub. Zimako), Lopez, Bossis, Bathehay, Moisan, Platini, Rochteau, Lacombe, Amisse.
 Referee: Franco Martinez (Spain)

ICELAND (0) 0
HOLLAND (0) 4 (Metgod 49, Van der Kerkhof 70, Nanninga 73, 88)
 Iceland: Bjarnason, Haraldsson, Gudmundsson, Thorbjornsson, Geirsson, Edvaldsson J, Thordarson, Edvaldsson A, Petursson, Thorleifsson, Sveinsson, Palsson.
 Holland: Schrijvers, Poortvliet, Hovenkamp, Brandts, Krol, Van der Kerkhof W, Stevens, Tahamata, La Ling (sub. Metgod), Nanninga, Van der Kerkhof R.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Wales)

Tuesday, Sept. 11

European Under-21 Championship

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Deehan 18)
DENMARK (0) 0
 Att: 9,192
 England: Bailey 6, Wright 7, Butcher 7, Osman 7, Statham 6, Robson 6, Williams 7, Owen 7, ★**REEVES 8**, Deehan 6 (sub. Rix 7), Blissett 6.
 Denmark: Neilsen, A 6, Olzyck 5, Madsen 6, Bo Larsen 6, ★**SORENSEN 8**, Neilsen, I 6, Birkendal 7, Ziegler 5 (sub. Schafer 6), Eriksen 5, Brylle 6 (sub. Hansen 6), Andersen 5.
 Referee: M. Bacou (France)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Friendly International

WALES (1) 2 (Walsh 25, Curtis 52)
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (0) 1
 (Jones, og 22)
 Att: 6,825
 Wales: Davies 6, Nicholas 7, Jones 6, Mahoney 7, Phillips 7, Berry 6, Walsh 7, ★**FLYNN 8**, Yorath 7, Curtis 7, Thomas 6.
 Ireland: Peyton 6, Gregg 5, Mulligan 6, Martin 7, O'Leary 6, ★**BRADY 9**, Grealish 7, Murphy 6, Stapleton 7, O'Callaghan 6, Ryan 6.
 Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse, Gloucs)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

DONCASTER ROVERS (3) 5 (Lister 4, Pugh 9, Warboys 14, Lewis 82, 87)
TORQUAY UNITED (2) 3 (Laurence 10, Murphy 43, Bourne 77)
 Att: 3,557
 Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 6, Flanagan 6, Lister 7, Bradley 5, Dowd 7, ★**PUGH 9**, Lewis 8, Warboys 7, Dowie 6 (sub. Snowdin), Bentley 7.

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Phil Boyer — scorer of Southampton's first goal in their 5-2 win over Spurs.

Torquay: Turner 6, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 5 (sub. Pethard 6), Larmour 6, Bourne 6, Sermanni 6, Davies 6, ★**LAURENCE 8**, Cooper 7, Smith 7, Murphy 7.
 Referee: P. A. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, Sept. 12

European Championship

GREECE (1) 1 (Nikoloudis 24)
SOVIET UNION (0) 0
 Att: 25,000
 Greece: Constantinou, Gounaris (sub. Kyrastas), Kapsis, Kiro, Gossifidis, Ivanthinos, Ardizoglu (sub. Orfanos), Delikaris, Damanakis, Nikoloudis, Galakos.
 Soviet Union: Dasaev, Origoda (sub. Mokhine), Bobnov, Khidiatulin, Nikulin, Kipiani (sub. Siurchicini), Maximenkov, Gavrilov, Ceregov, Shenguelia.
 Referee: Gariddo (Portugal)

ICELAND (0) 0
EAST GERMANY (0) 3 (Ridiger 63, Weber 70, Streich 77)
 Att: 8,800
 Iceland: Bjarnasson, Oskarsson, Thorbjornsson, Hilmarsson, Geirsson, Edvaldsson J, Leifsson, Edvaldsson A, Thorleifsson, Sigurvinsson, Sveinsson.
 East Germany: Grahtin, Kische, Dörner, Weise, Schnuphase, Weber, Ridiger, Hafner, Streich, Lindeman, Hoffman.
 Referee: Svein Inge Thime (Norway)

NORWAY (1) 1 (Jacobsen 7)
BELGIUM (1) 2 (Janssens 31, Van der Elst 75)
 Att: 11,600
 Norway: Amundsen, Pedersen, Vinje, Aas, Grondalen, Albertsen, Hansen, Johansen, Jacobsen, Iversen, Thorexn.
 Belgium: Pfaff, 'Gerets', Meeuws, Millecamps, Renquin, Cools, Van der Eyycken, Vercauteren, Cluytens, Van der Elst, Janssens.
 Referee: Alojzy Jargus (Poland)

SWITZERLAND (0) 0
POLAND (1) 2 (Terlecki 34, 63)
 Switzerland: Burgener, Luedi, Brechbuehl, Zappa, Bizzini, Barberis, Schnyder, Andrey, Pfister, Sulser (sub. Elgi), Ponte.
 Poland: Kukla, Wiecezorek, Dziuba, Janas, Rudy, Majewski (sub. Szymanowski), Boniek, Nawalka, Lato, Kmiecik (sub. Mazur), Terlecki.
 Referee: Otto Anderco (Romania)

Friendly International

WEST GERMANY (0) 2 (Allofs 47, Rummenigge 56)
ARGENTINA (0) 1 (Castro 62)
 Att: 55,000
 West Germany: Burdenski, Kaltz, Heinz, Foerster, Cullmann, Dietz, Bonhoff, Schuster, Mueller, Rummenigge, Fischer, Allofs.
 Argentina: Vidalle, Bujedo, Van Tuyne, Passarella, Ocano, Gaspari, Gallego, Hernandez, Coscia (sub. Castro), Sergio, Fortunato (sub. Larraguay), Diaz (sub. Lopez).

SCOTLAND (1) 1 (Hartford 4)
PERU (0) 1 (Leguia 85)
 Att: 41,000
 Scotland: Rough 7, Jardine 7, Munro 6, Souness 7, McQueen 7, Burns 7, Cooper 7 (sub. Graham), Wark 6 (sub. Aitken), ★**DALGLISH 9**, Hartford 7, Robertson 8.
 Peru: Acasuzo 7, Gasgulo 6, Olaechea 7, Chumpigaz 7, Diaz 7, Velasquez 7, Cueto 8, Mosquera 6, ★**LEGUIA 9**, Larosa 8, Labarthe 7 (sub. Ravello 6).
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor, Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Friday, Sept. 14

Division Four

STOCKPORT COUNTY (0) 1 (Henson, pen 88)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Chambers 1) Att: 3,146
 Stockport: Rogan 6, Sherlock 6, Rutter 6, Thorpe 6, Czuczman 7, ★**CHAPMAN 8**, Williams 7, Prudham 7, Henson 6, Galvin 6, Summerbee 6.
 Bournemouth: ★**ALLEN 9**, Cunningham 7, Moore 6, Impey 6, Townsend 7, Chambers 7, Holder 8, Thomas 7, Butler 6 (sub. Borthwick 6), Massey 7, Evanson 6.
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE ROVERS (3) 4 (Kerr 5, O'Neil, pen 8, Craven 41, Peplow 90)
PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Brisley 2) Att: 3,550
 Tranmere: Johnson 7, Mathias 6, Flood 6, Bramhall 7, Edwards 7, Evans 7, O'Neil 7, ★**CRAVEN 8**, Kerr 7, Lumby 6, Peplow 7.
 Portsmouth: ★**MELLOR 8**, McLaughlin 5, Styles 6, Brisley 7, Aizlewood 5 (sub. Ellis 6), Davey 6, Garwood 7, Laidlaw 7, Hemmerman 6, Bryant 6, Rogers 6.
 Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: McLaughlin (Portsmouth)

Saturday, Sept. 15

Division One

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Sunderland 24, Stapleton 65)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 Att: 30,341
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 6, Nelson 7, Talbot 6, O'Leary 7, Young 6, Brady 8, Sunderland 6, Stapleton 6, Hollins 7, ★**RIX 9**.
 Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 6, Bailey 6, Johnston 6, ★**ASHCROFT 8**, McAndrew 7, Hodgson 7, Proctor 6 (sub. Burns 6), Jankovic 7, Nattrass 6, Armstrong 6.
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (1) 2 (Clark 18, Bryan 85)
IPSWICH TOWN (0) 0 Att: 23,608
 Brighton: Steele 6, ★**GREGORY 8**, Williams 6, Horton 6, Foster 7, Stevens 6, Clark 7, Ward 7, Maybank 7, Sayer 6, O'Sullivan 7 (sub. Ryan).
 Ipswich Town: Cooper 6, Burley 7, Mills 6, Thijssen 6, Osman 6, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Muhren 6, Mariner 6, ★**BRAZIL 8**, Woods 6 (sub. Osborne 7).
 Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
STOKE CITY (0) 0 Att: 16,662
 Bristol City: ★**SHAW 8**, Tainton 6, Whitehead 6, Gow 6, Sweeney 7, Merrick 5, Fitzpatrick 7, Ritchie 7, Royle 6 (sub. Meyer), Mann 7, Mabbutt 7.
 Stoke City: Jones 7, Evans 7, Scott 5, Irvine 6, Smith 7, ★**DOYLE 8**, Heath 7, Dodd 7, O'Callaghan 7, Crooks 7, Richardson 6.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl) — injured, replaced by R. D. Gifford (Mid-Glamorgan) after 2 mins.
 Match Rating: ★

COVENTRY (1) 3 (Wallace 8, 62, Powell, pen 49)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Morgan 82) Att: 15,353
 Coventry: Sealey 7, Roberts 7, McDonald 8, Blair 7, Holton 8, Gillespie 8, Hutchison 8, ★**WALLACE 9**, Ferguson 8, Powell 7, Hunt 8.
 Bolton: McDonagh 6, Clement 6, Nicholson 5 (sub. Thompson 5), Greaves 7, Jones 7, Walsh 5, Morgan

6, Whatmore 7, Gowling 6,
 ★**CANTELLO 8**, Burke 6.
 Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Murphy 41, 65)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 Att: 28,156
 Crystal Palace: Burrige 6, Hinshelwood 6, Sansom 7, Nicholas 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Murphy 8 (sub. Walsh 6), Francis 8, Swindlehurst 7, Flanagan 6, ★**HILAIRE 9**.
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, ★**GIDMAN 8**, Pejic 7, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6, Morley 7, Ward 5 (sub. Ormsby 7), Deehan 6, Cowans 6, Swain 6.
 Referee: H. R. Robinson (Suffolk)
 Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (Kidd 19, Ross, pen 63)
WOLVES (0) 3 (Gray 49, Daniel, pen 59, Richards 66) Att: 31,807
 Everton: Wood 7, Wright 6, ★**BAILEY 9**, Lyons 6, Higgins 6, Ross 7, Hartford 7, Stanley 8, King 7, Kidd 8, Eastoe 7 (sub. Barton 6).
 Wolves: Bradshaw 8, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Daniel 8, Hughes 7, Berry 6, Hibbitt 6, Carr 8, ★**GRAY 9**, Richards 7, Eves 7 (sub. Brazier).
 Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: King (Everton)

LEEDS UNITED (0) 1 (Curtis 87)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (McDermott 80) Att: 39,779
 Leeds Utd: Harvey 7, Hird 7, Hampton 6, Flynn 6, Hart 7, ★**MADELEY 8**, Gray 7, Cherry 7, Hankin 6, Curtis 8, Graham 7.
 Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 6, Thompson 7, Cohen 6, Hanson 7, Dalglish 7, Case 7, Johnson 6, ★**McDERMOTT 8**, Souness 6.
 Referee: T. Farley (Newton Aycliffe)
 Match Rating: ★★



Gordon Hill — an unhappy return to Manchester United.

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Hill, og 20)
DERBY (0) 0 Att: 54,308
 Man Utd: Bailey 6, Nicholl 7, Albiston 6, McIlroy 6, ★**McQUEEN 9**, Buchan 6, Coppell 6, Wilkins 6, Ritchie 7, Macari 7, Grimes 7.
 Derby: Middleton 7, Langan 7, Buckley 6, ★**POWELL 8**, Wicks 6, Webb 6, McCaffery 6, Moreland 6, Duncan 6 (sub. Crawford), Carter 7, Hill 7.
 Referee: K. McNally (South Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (2) 3 (Reeves 37, Fashanu 41, Robson 57)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Woodcock 82) Att: 18,621
 Norwich: Keelan 8, Bond 7, Simmonds 7, McDell 7, Hoadley 7, Powell 8, Taylor 7, ★**REEVES 9**, Fashanu 7, Paddon 8, Robson 7.
 Nottm Forest: Shilton 6, ★**ANDERSON 8**, Gray 6, McGovern 6, Lloyd 6, Burns 6, O'Neill 7, Bowyer 6, Birtles 6, Woodcock 7, Robson 6.
 Referee: D. T. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 5 (Boyer 49, Holmes 60, 74, Baker 67, Channon 71)
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Hoddle 25, Jones 53) Att: 22,573
 Southampton: Gennoe 7, Hebbard 7, Peach 6, ★**WILLIAMS 9**, Nicholl 6, Waldron 7, Ball 7, Boyer 7, Channon 8, Baker 7, Holmes 8.
 Tottenham: Daines 6, Hughton 7, ★**VILLA 8**, Yorath 7, Lacy 5, Perryman 5, Pratt 6, Jones 7, Armstrong 6, Hoddle 7, Beavon 6.
 Referee: B. Stevens (Gloucester)
 Match Rating: ★★

WBA (2) 4 (Brown, A 13, Owen 35, Robson 67, 78)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 Att: 22,236
 WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7, Treweek 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Robson 8, Brown, T 6, Brown, A 7, ★**OWEN 9**, Barnes 6 (sub.



Kevin Reeves — on target for Norwich in their 3-1 win over Nottingham Forest

Summerfield 7).
 Man. City: ★**CORRIGAN 8**, Ranson 6, Stepanovic 6, Caton 6, Donachie 5, Power 6 (sub. Fletcher 7), MacKenzie 6, Silkman 7, Robinson 5, Daley 5, Lee 5.
 Referee: B. Hill (Wellingborough)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Lynex 78)
CHARLTON (0) 0 Att: 11,155
 Birmingham: Wealands 7, Lees 7, Dennis 6, Curbishley 6, Gallagher 6, Towers 7, Ainscow 7, Evans 6 (sub. Lynex), Bertschin 7, ★**GEMMILL 8**, Dillon 7.
 Charlton: Johns 6, Campbell 6, Warman 6, ★**TYDEMAN 8**, Berry 6, Madden 6, Powell 7, Hales 6, Robinson 6, Walker 6, Ambrose 6 (sub. Shaw 6).
 Referee: G. Nolan (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (2) 4 (Streete 1, Smith 35, Biley 53, Spriggs 85)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Williams 74) Att: 4,423
 Cambridge: Webster 6, Stringer 6, Smith 7, Turner 6, Fallon 6, ★**SPRIGGS 8**, Cozens 6, Murray 6, Streete 7, Christie 6, Biley 7.
 Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Pulis 6, Bater 6, Aitken 7, ★**HARDING 8**, Mabbutt 7, Barrowclough 7, Williams 6, White 5, Penny 6, Cooper 6.
 Referee: A. Cox (Severn)
 Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (1) 3 (Davies 31, 84, Lock, pen 83)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Noble, pen 35) Att: 6,535
 Fulham: Peyton 6, Peters 7, Strong 6, Bullivant 7, Money 7, Gale 6, Marinello 7, Beck 6, Mahoney 6, Lock 7, ★**DAVIES 8**.
 Burnley: ★**STEVENSON 7**, Scott 6, Jakub 7, Noble 6, Thomson 7, Rodaway 6, Ingham 6, Dobson 6, Fletcher 5, Kindon 5, James 7.
 Referee: R. C. Challis (Tunbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Marinello (Fulham)

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Shoulder, pen 18, pen 49, Cartwright 67)
LEICESTER (1) 2 (Smith, pen 35, 62) Att: 26,963
 Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Brownley 8, Davies 7, ★**MARTIN 9**, Barton 8, Boam 7, Shoulder 8, Cassidy 7, Withe 8, Hibbitt 8, Cartwright 7.
 Leicester: Wallington 8, Williams 6, Rofe 7, O'Neill 6, May 6, Kelly 7, Byrne 7, Peake 8, Young 8, ★**SMITH 9**, Henderson 6 (sub. Goodwin 6).
 Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Williams (Leicester)

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
LUTON TOWN (0) 0 Att: 9,582
 Notts County: ★**LEONARD 9**, Richards 7, O'Brien 7, Hunt 5 (sub. Benjamin 5), Stubbs 7, Blockley 7, McCulloch 6, Masson 6, Christie 6, Hooks 7, Mair 6.
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6, Donaghy 7, Grealish 7, Saxby 7, Price 6, Hill 8, ★**WEST 9**, Stein 8, Hatton 8, Moss 8.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
 Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (2) 3 (Heaton 10, Stainrod 14, Steel 83)
PRESTON (0) 2 (Thomson 57, 82) Att: 9,849
 Oldham: ★**McDONNELL 9**, Wood 6, Edwards 6, Hilton 6 (sub. Atkinson 6), Clements 5, Hurst 8, Keegan 8, Halom 7, Steel 8, Stainrod 8, Heaton 8.
 Preston: Tunks 6, Taylor 6, Cameron 6, Doyle 7, Baxter 7, O'Riordan 6, Coleman 7, Haslegrove 6, ★**ELLIOTT 8**, Potts 7 (sub. Bruce 6), Thomson 7.
 Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

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CUT OUT AND KEEP

FORMER Ipswich striker Trevor Whymark blasted two goals to give Vancouver Whitecaps a thrilling win over Tampa Bay Rowdies in the Soccer Bowl — the North American Soccer League championship final.

Tampa Bay — looking for their first League title since 1975 — were tentative and confused in defence and Whymark was quick to take advantage.

His first goal came just 12 minutes into the game. After collecting the ball in the middle of the park he raced down the centre and fired in an unstoppable shot.

Within 13 minutes Tampa Bay, favourites with the 50,699 crowd, equalised through Jan van der Veen and Whitecaps had to wait until the second half for Whymark's winner.

It came in the 59th minute from a pass by Alan Ball. Whymark collected the ball on the edge of the box and his shot, deflected by defender Barry Kitchener, sailed into the top right-hand corner.

With just 11 minutes to go, Tampa Bay's Rodney Marsh brought out a point-blank save

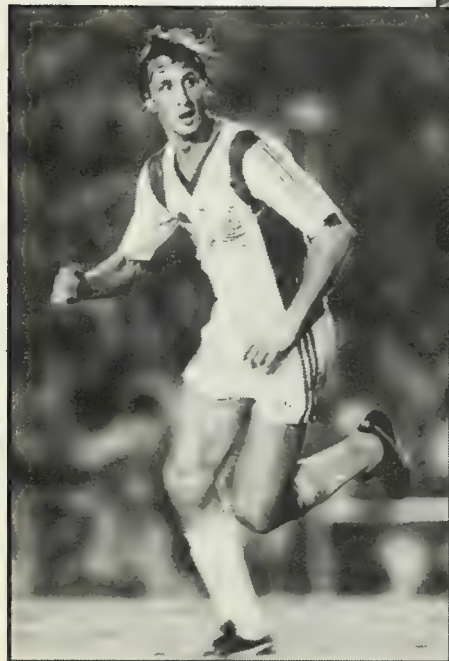
from 'keeper Phil Parkes, but Whitecaps, the team with the best defensive record in the League, held out for their 2-1 win.

After the game, with a bottle of champagne in his hand, Whymark said: "For me to score two goals in the final is unbelievable — something you read about in comics.

"I had been used to playing a more long-ball style and there are different rules over here. It took a while to get it together, but now I just want to play."

BELOW: Bob Lenarduzzi of Vancouver Whitecaps (left) in a tussle for the ball with Tampa Bay's Wes McLeod during the first-half of Saturday's NASL Soccer Bowl final.

SOCCER USA



Cruyff's value

DUTCH maestro Johan Cruyff (pictured above), a forward with the Los Angeles Aztecs, was voted the most valuable player in the North American Soccer League in a poll conducted by the *Sporting News*.

Marsh looks to coaching

RODNEY Marsh, who played his last game for Tampa Bay Rowdies on the wrong end of a 2-1 result in the Soccer Bowl, is looking for a coaching job.

Recalling his career with Tampa Bay he said: "I feel happy with what went down. I am proud to have played for Tampa Bay . . . I'm just disappointed I couldn't go out a winner."



Ask us

QUESTION: Is it possible for any professional club to sign up a player who is under 16?

*David Jones,
Harrow Weald.*

● There have been many cases, David, of clubs signing boys as amateurs at an early age. Nottingham Forest's Peter Shilton was signed by Leicester when aged 11 and so was Glen Hoddle by Tottenham.



QUESTION: Could you tell me the fastest goal ever scored, the scorer and the two teams who were playing?

*Guy Moran,
Clacton.*

● I can do better than that Guy, I can even name the referee. Bob Simons of Carlisle recorded Jim Fryatt's goal for Bradford Park Avenue against Tranmere at just four seconds after kick-off.

QUESTION: Arsenal claim the record for the longest unbroken membership of Division One from 1919-20 until 1979-80. But I say that Sunderland hold the record for 1890-91 until 1957-58. Who is right?

*John Wright,
Sunderland.*

● You are John. Arsenal have another eight years to go before they beat the Sunderland record.

QUESTION: I would like to know the names of Dixie Dean's previous clubs and how many goals he scored in his career.

*Paul Whytock,
Hornsey.*

● Dixie Dean's clubs were Tranmere Rovers, Everton and Notts. County. His complete Football League record was 379 goals in 437 matches.

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QUESTION: Has any manager been in charge of clubs in every division?

*Andrew Burrell,
Warley, West Midlands.*

● Yes, Andrew, several managers have done this. Laurie McMenemy was in charge of Doncaster in the 4th and 3rd Divisions, Grimsby in the 4th and 3rd and Southampton in the 2nd and 1st.

QUESTION: Which team has the best record in the past two years for games in the Football League?

*Barrie Stewart,
London.*

● Watford gained the most points during this time - 131 from 92 League games. But proportionally Liverpool's record is better. From 84 games they gained 125 points.

Quiz Answers

- Gordon Taylor
- Cyrille Regis
- Barcelona
- Clive Allen
- Shrewsbury Town
- Inverness Thistle & Falkirk
- Alf Wood
- (a) Barnsley
(b) Oldham Athletic
(c) Newport County
- Chris Nicholl
- Willie Morgan
- Davie Gibson (Leicester City v Stoke City, 1964)
- Denis Wilshaw
- Bill Glazier
- Iran (1978 World Cup Finals)
- Notts. County
- Ronnie Worm for West Germany A & B
- Alun Evans (Wolves to Liverpool)
- Linfield
- Charlton (in season 1945/46, the F.A. Cup was held on a two-leg basis)
- Ken Shellito



Determination is written all over the face of South Korea's Tsch Bum Keun - leaping like a salmon and heading for goal during Eintracht Frankfurt's 3-0 defeat of Bayer Leverkusen.

The win put Eintracht top of the German First Division and pushed defending champions Hamburg who had lost 3-0 to Duisberg the night before into third place.

It is the first time in four years that Eintracht have led the Bundesliga.

RESULTS

Yugoslavia

(First Division, September 9)
Napredak 2, Vojvodina 1
Celik 2, Zeljeznicar 3
Dynamo 0, Buducnost 0
Vardar 0, Red Star 0
Radnicki 4, Hajduk 0
Partisan 3, Borac 1
Sarajevo 1, Velez 0
Osijek 1, Sloboda 1
Rijeka 2, Olympia 0

Austria

(First Division, September 9)
Voest Linz 2, Austria Salzburg 0
Austria Memphis 2, Graz AK 2
Rapid 0, Linz AK 0
Vienna 2, Sturm Graz 0
Admira-Wacker 1, Sportclub Post 0

Belgium

(First Division, September 9)
Rclub Bruges 4, Hasselt 0
Berchem 1, Cercle Bruges 3
Anderlecht 4, Lierse 0
Waterschei 1, Standard Liege 3
Waregem 0, Lokeren 0
Beveren 0, Beerschot 0
Liege 0, Winterslag 0
Antwerp 0, Racing White 2
Beringen 6, Charleroi 0

Hungary

(First Division, September 9)
Raba Eto 2, Ujpest Dosza 1
Salgotrjan 0, Ferencvaros 0
Vasas 5, Videoton 1
MTK-VM 2, Zalaegerszeg 2
Mav Elore 3, Volan 1
Pecs 3, Dunaujvaros 0
Bekescsaba 3, Honved 3
Tatabanya 2, Debrecen 1
Diosgyor 2, PVSK 0

Dynamo walk-over

RUSSIA's Moscow Dynamo automatically went through to the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup after Albanian club Vlaznia Shkodra refused to play them. Albania has no diplomatic relations with Moscow.

Toth U.S. bound

ZOLTAN Toth — Hungary's national goalkeeper — has been granted a temporary visa by the U.S. Embassy to play with the American team Pennsylvania Stoners.

Toth (23) 'keeper for Ujpest Dosza disappeared last month (August) from the hotel where the Hungarian team was

staying near Cadiz.

An Embassy spokesman said Toth had been granted a temporary workers' visa of the type often issued to athletes and said once in the States, Toth could apply to stay there permanently.

Maradona call-up

THE magic of Argentina star Diego Maradona cast no spells over his country's army who denied him an extension of his leave of absence from duty making it impossible for him to accompany the World Cup holders on a tour of Europe.

Players in training for the tour in which they were due to play West Germany and Yugoslavia earlier this month included only two members of the side that won the World Cup in '78 — captain Passarella and mid-fielder Gallego.

Real clear Laurie

REAL Madrid have promised to co-operate whenever possible in the future over the release of striker Laurie Cunningham for internationals.

The club refused to let Cunningham — who they signed from West Brom in June and who scored two goals in his League debut against Valencia — join England's party for the crucial match against Denmark at Wembley last week.

A spokesman said the decision was regretted but Cunningham could not be spared because of a busy League schedule at the start of the season.

Cunningham is pictured here (below) with the Real Madrid team which competed in the Santiago Bernabeu Trophy in Madrid last week. Standing (left to right): Garcia Ramon, Stielicke, San Jose, Benito, Pirri, Cunningham, Camacho. Front row (left to right): Juanito, del Bosque, Angel and Santillano.



Rumania

(First Division, September 9)

Steaua 1, Dynamo 1
Baia Mare 1, Chimia 0
Asa 2, Olympia 2
Timisoara 2, Sportul 1
Bacau 1, Jiul 0
Viitorul 1, Galati 0
Craiova 2, Iasi 0
Gloria 2, Arges 1
Tirgoviste 2, Cluj 0

Spain

(First Division, September 8, 9)

Gijon 2, Sevilla 1
Real Sociedad 1, Las Palmas 0
Betis 1, Rayo Vallecano 2
Espanol 5, Almeria 2
Hercules 2, Atletico Madrid 3
Salamanca 2, Athletic Bilbao 1
Real Madrid 3, Valencia 1
Zaragoza 2, Barcelona 2
Burgos 1, Malaga 0

Finland

(First Division, September 9)

Helsinki Jalkapalloklubi 2, Valkeakoski Haka 1
Kuopio Palloseura 3, Turku Palloseura 0
Oula Palloseura 3, Kuopio Pallotoverit 0
Lahti Reipas 6, Kotka Tyovaen Palloilijat 2

Czechoslovakia

Sparta Prague 1, Slavia Prague 0
Dukla Praha 3, ZTS Kosice 0
Trnava 3, Banska Bystrica 2
Brno 0, Banik Ostrava 0
Inter Bratislava 0, Slovan Bratislava 0
Cheb 0, Bohemians Prag 0
Nitra 4, Skoda Plzen 0
Lokomotiva Kosice 3, Trencin 0

France slim hopes alive

FRANCE kept alive their slim hopes of qualifying for the European Championship finals with a 3-1 win over Sweden. They top Group Five with seven points from five games — but Czechoslovakia are only one point behind with two games in hand.

The French scorers in Stockholm were Lacombe, Platini and Battiston with Backe scoring for Sweden.

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DUTCH team Ajax has fired its 41-year-old coach, Cor Brom, just one season after he took the team to a League and Cup double.

Brom had been on conflict with the club's board and also with Dutch international goalkeeper Piet



Schrijvers.

Ajax drew 1-1 on Sunday with bottom of the table Haarlem, but still hold equal first place with eight points from five games.

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FOUR second-half goals carried Holland to an emphatic European Championship win against Iceland in Reykjavik.

Nanninga got two of the goals. The others came from Metgod and Willie Van De Kerkhof.

Argentina's superkids land Cup double

ARGENTINA became the Double World Champions when a three-goal blitz demolished Russia in the Final of the World Junior Soccer Cup.

Russia took a 56th-minute lead before a crowd of 35,000 in Tokyo. But then Argentina hit back with a vengeance to add the trophy to the World Cup their senior side won last year.

Alves got the equaliser in the 72nd minute and three minutes later Diaz scored a fine individual goal to take his tally to eight in the two-week tournament, two ahead of his nearest rival.

Maradona, the new teenage sensation, scored the final goal with a free-kick from the edge of the penalty area.

The game was full of incident and at one stage 100 excited spectators dashed on to the pitch only to be chased off by guardsmen. At the finish hundreds of Japanese fans mobbed the victorious team.



Argentina's Hugo Alves celebrates his penalty equaliser against Russia in the Junior World Cup Final in Tokyo which Argentina went on to win 3-1.

Hammers' Highland spree



At just 19, Ray Stewart is Scotland's second most-costly football export.

DUNDEE United defender Ray Stewart became Scotland's second highest priced football export when his club agreed to transfer him to West Ham United for a fee of just over £400,000.

This figure was just short of the £440,000 paid to Glasgow Celtic by Liverpool when they acquired the services of Kenny Dalglish two years ago.

West Ham manager John Lyall was jubilant after the signing. "I rated this boy as the best young player in Scotland," he said. "He is a versatile footballer who can play well in any position. It was a long struggle to sign him, but we persisted, and as a result it has been worthwhile."

The Tannadice club were most reluctant to transfer Stewart, and only finally agreed to do so after West Ham had twice increased their bid from an original offer of £250,000.

Manager Jim McLean justified the sale when he said, "I just hate losing a player of Stewart's potential. Unfortunately, the fact must be faced that there is not a club in Scotland who could afford to turn down an offer like that for a full-back."

Aged 19, Ray's home is in the village of Stanley, in Perthshire. He had been with Dundee United since May, 1973, when he



Ray Stewart — Hammers' £400,000 was an offer Dundee United couldn't refuse.

signed an 'S' form for them at the tender age of 13 while still attending Perth High School.

He gained experience with a boys' team, Errol Rovers, and became a full timer at Tannadice on his sixteenth birthday. He has played for Scotland at schoolboy, youth, and Under-21 levels, and it is only a matter of time before he wins a full cap for his country.

The transfer move came as a great surprise to him. He had never asked for a transfer and was quite content with Dundee United. Only after being brought into the proceedings and realising that he would earn a bigger basic pay plus an estimated £20,000 as his share of the deal, did Ray agree to join the London club.

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SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Biggins 12, Mann 72, Kitty, pen 77)
CHELSEA (0) 0
 Att: 9,271
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn 6, King 6, Leonard 7, Lindsay 6, Griffin 7, Kitty 7, Birch 7, ★**ATKINS 9**, Tong 7
 Biggins 8, Mann 8
 Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 6, Wilkins 5, Burnstead 5, ★**DROY 8**, Nutton 5, Britton 6, Bannon 5 (sub. Walker 6), Langley 6, Johnson 5, Sillericy 6
 Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Charles 49)
QPR (0) 2 (Burke 73, Stevenson, og 79)
 Att: 16,000
 Swansea: Crudgington 6, Attley 5, Bartley 5, ★**CHARLES 7**, Phillips 6, Rushbury 6, Craig 6, Mahoney 6, Stevenson 5, Waddle, A 6, Callaghan 6
 QPR: Woods 6, Shanks 6, Gillard 5, McCreery 6, Hazell 7, Roeder 6, ★**BOWLES 8**, Goddard 7, Allen 7, Harkouk 6, Waddle, G 6, Burke 7
 Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Train 64)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Stevens 90)
 Att: 13,741
 Watford: Rankin 6, How 6, Harrison 7, Booth 6, Bolton 6, Garner 6, Joslyn 7, Blissett 7, Jenkins 7, ★**TRAIN 8**, Downes 5
 Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 6, Sullivan 5, Campbell 7, Pontin 4, ★**DWYER 8**, Bishop 5 (sub. Buchanan 6), Stevens 7, Moore 6, Ronson 5, Elliott 5
 Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
 Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Cross 57, Pearson 72)

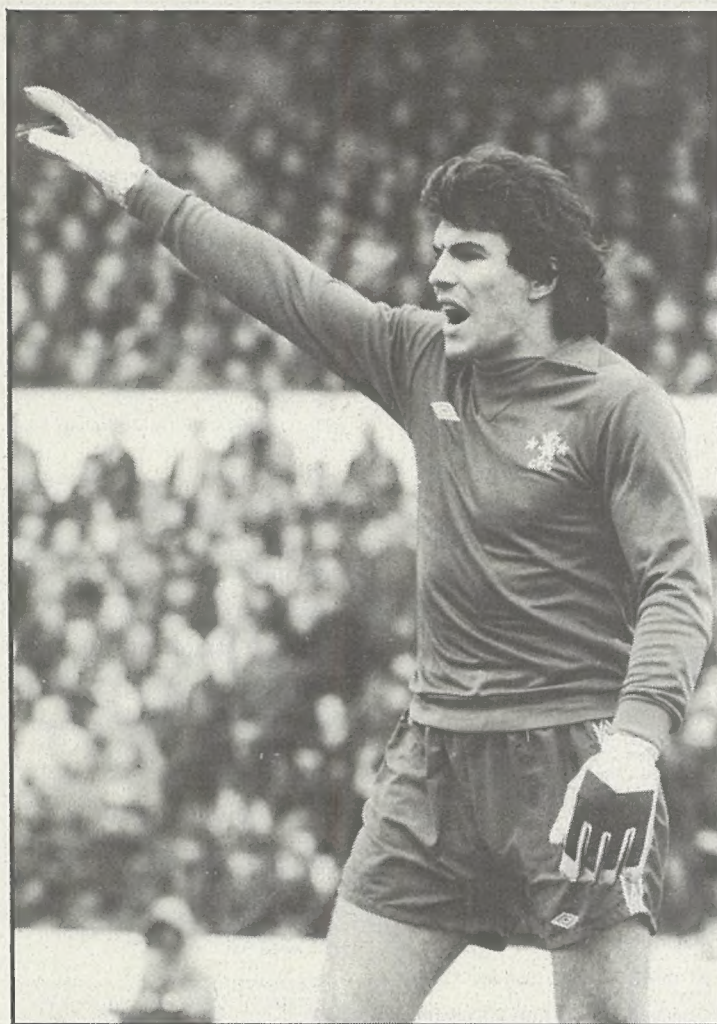
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
 Att: 24,021
 West Ham: Parkes 7, Lampard 7, Brush 7, Bonds 8, Martin 7, Stewart 7, Neighbour 8, Pearson 8, Cross 7, Brooking 8, ★**DEVONSHIRE 9**
 Sunderland: ★**SIDDALL 9**, Whitworth 7, Bolton 6, Clarke 7, Elliott 7 (sub. Chisholm 6), Ashurst 6, Buckley 6, Roston 8, Brown 7, Robson 7, Arnott 6
 Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 2 (Hill 81, Vinter 89)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Mayo 7)
 Att: 8,195
 Wrexham: Davies 7, Darracott 7, Davis 6, Dwyer 6, Jones 7, Giles 7, ★**VINTER 8**, Sutton 7, McNeil 6, Buxton 6 (sub. Fox 6), Hill 6
 Orient: Day 6, Fisher 7, Roffey 6, ★**MARGERRISON 8**, Taylor 6, Went 7, Penfold 7, Jennings 6, Mayo 7, Whittle 6, Coates 5
 Referee: E. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BLACKBURN ROVERS (0) 1 (Craig 73)
SOUTHEND UNITED (0) 1 (Cusack 79)
 Att: 6,603
 Blackburn: Butcher 5, Rathbone 5, Morley 6, Kendall 6, Keeley 6, Fazackerley 6, ★**METCALFE 7**, Fowler 6, Craig 6, McKenzie 6, Parkes 5
 Southend: Cawston 6, Dudley 5, Moody 5, ★**CUSACK 8**, Yates 6, Stead 6, Otulakowski 7, Morris 7, Pountney 6, Tuohy 7, Gray 7
 Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)
 Match Rating: ★★

BLACKPOOL (2) 3 (Wilson 23, Kellow 25, McEwan 75)
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Gwyther 3, Rhodes 69)
 Att: 7,807
 Blackpool: McAlister 8, Gardener 7, Pashley 7, Doyle 8, Suddaby 7, ★**McEWAN 9**, Malone 7, Kellow 8, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Weston 8
 Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Tiler 6, Rhodes 6, Green 6, Breckin 6,



Peter Borota — beaten three times during Chelsea's visit to Shrewsbury.

Gooding 7, ★**McEWAN 8**, Gwyther 6, Fern 7, Finney 6
 Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Salman 22)
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Att: 7,120
 Brentford: Bond 7, Shrubb 6, McNicol 6, Kruse 6, Salman 7, Holmes, W 6, Carlton 6, Graham 6, Holmes, L 6 (sub. Tucker 6), ★**ALLDER 8**, Phillips 7
 Grimsby: Batch 5, Moore, D 5, Moore, K 6, Walters 6, Wiggington 7, ★**STONE 8**, Brolley 7, Ford 6 (sub. Crombie 6), Liddell 6, Mitchell 5, Cumming 6
 Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 0
HULL CITY (1) 1 (Edwards 15)
 Att: 3,442
 Bury: ★**FORREST 8**, Ritson 5, Kennedy 6, Lugg 6, Waddington 7, Howard 7, Mullen 7, Waldron 5 (sub. Gregory 6), Beamish 7, McIlwraith 7, Taylor 6
 Hull City: Blackburn 7, Nisbet 6, De Vries 7, Croft 7, Dobson 7, ★**TATE 8**, Roberts 6, Moss 7, Edwards 7 (sub. MacDonald), Phillips 7, Farley 7
 Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
 Att: 3,473
 Colchester: Walker 8, Cook 6, Wright 6, Wignall 7, Downman 7, Hodge 6, Leslie 6, Allinson 6, Rowles 5, Foley 5, ★**LEE 9**
 Sheff Wed: Cox 6, Blackhall 6, Grant 6, Smith 6, Mullen 7, Hornsby 7, Wylde 6, Porterfield 6, Fleming 6, ★**OWEN 8**, King 6
 Referee: V. Carrow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Fleming (Sheff Wed)

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price 12, 65)
CHESTER (1) 2 (Oakes 17, Rush 86)
 Att: 7,397
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Barker 6, Overton 7, Weatherly 7, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 6, Bruce 7, ★**PRICE 8**, Funnell 6 (sub. Westwood), Richardson 6
 Chester: Lloyd 7, Raynor 6, Walker 6, Storton 7, ★**COTTAM 8**, Oakes 7, Sutcliffe 6, Jeffries 6, Edwards 7 (sub. Ruggiero), Phillips 6, Rush 7
 Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Austin 23)
OXFORD UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 4,217
 Mansfield: Arnold 6, Dawkins 6, Foster 5, Curtis 5, Bird 6, McClelland

7, Lathan 5, Taylor 6, Austin 6, ★**HAMILTON 8**, Allen 7
 Oxford: Burton 6, McIntosh 5, Fogg 6, ★**BRIGGS 8**, Stott 6, Jeffrey 5, Graydon 6, Duncan 4 (sub. Brock), Berry 5, Cooke 5, Hodgson 6
 Referee: B. L. Newsome (Broseley)
 Match Rating: ★★

MILWALL (5) 5 (Hore 15, Mehmet 24, Lyons 25, Tagg 35, Mitchell 43)
EXETER CITY (0) 1 (Pullar 62)
 Att: 5,567
 Millwall: Jackson 7, Donaldson 6, Roberts 6, Chatterton 6, Tagg 6, Blyth 6, Townner 7, ★**SEASMAN 8**, Lyons 7, Mehmet 7 (sub. Kinsella 6), Mitchell 6
 Exeter: O'Keefe 4, Roberts 5, Rogers 5, Hore 5, Giles 5, Hatch 5, Neville 6, Bowker 5, Sims 5, Delve 5, ★**PULLAR 7**
 Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
 Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (1) 3 (Kemp 44, 46, Trussen 89)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 5,744
 Plymouth: Brown 8, ★**HODGES 9**, Harrison 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, Foster 6, Bason 7, Megson 6, Kemp 8, Trussen 5, Randall 5, Johnson 7
 Wimbledon: Goddard 6, Perkins 7, Jones 7, Galliers 7, Bowgitt 6, Haverson 7, Lesley 5 (sub. Downes), ★**PARSONS 8**, Denry 5, Cork 5, Knowle 5
 Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

READING (0) 2 (Heal 56, Bowman, pen 83)
CARLISLE (0) 0
 Att: 4,925
 Reading: Death 6, Sparks 6, White 5, Bowman 5, Shipperley 6, Moreline 6, Earles 6, Kearney 6, Heal 6, ★**SANCHEZ 7**, Wanklyn 6
 Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Hoolickin 5, Collins 6, MacDonald 6, ★**BEARDSLEY 7**, Parker 6, Hughes 6, Bonnyman 6, Bannon 5 (sub. Ludlam 5), Hamilton 6, McAuley 6
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Bourne 19, Matthews 67)
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 20,507
 Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Cutbush 7, Tibbott 7, Kenworthy 6, McPhail 7, ★**MATTHEWS 8** (sub. Jones), De Goey 6, Bourne 7, Butlin 6, Speight 6, Garner 6
 Barnley: Pierce 6, Flavell 6, Chambers 5, Pugh 6, Dugdale 6, McCarthy 6, Little 5, Riley 5, Graham 6, ★**MILLAR 7**, Bell 6
 Referee: A. Porter (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON TOWN (1) 2 (Rowland 31, Kamara 85)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker 6)
 Att: 6,176
 Swindon: Ogden 7, Templeman 6, Lewis 6, McHale 6, Tucker 6, ★**STROUD 8**, Miller 5, Carter 6, Roland 5, Moyes 6 (sub. Kamara), Williams 5
 Chesterfield: Letheren 6, Tartt 5, O'Neil 6, Ridley 6, Green 7, ★**HUNTER 8**, Birch 5, Moss 7, Walker 7, Salmons 6, Crawford 6
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

DARLINGTON (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Att: 1,456
 Darlington: ★**OWERS 8**, Coleman 5, Nattress 6, Clark 5, Bainbridge 6, Ball 7, McLean 7, Charlton 6, Seal 6, Ellis 5, Walsh 6
 Aldershot: Johnson 7, Howitt 6, Wooler 6, Dixon 7, Bennett 6, Jopling 7, ★**CROSBY 8**, Brodie 6, French 7, Dungworth 6, McGregor 5
 Referee: M. Peck (Doncaster)
 Match Rating: ★★

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HALIFAX TOWN (1) 1 (Mountford 34)
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Att: 1,500
Halifax: Hough 7, Dunleavy 7, Hutt 6, Evans 7, ★**HARRIS 8**, Hendrie 6, Firth 5 (sub. Stafford 6), Kennedy 6, Mountford 7, Johnson 6, Burke 5.
Hereford: Hughes 5, ★**PRICE 7**, Burrows 6, Hunt 6, Layton 6, Emery 5, Cunningham 6, Feeley 5, McGrellis 5, Gould 5, White 6 (sub. Cormes 6).
 Referee: R. A. Banks (Radcliffe)
 Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN CITY (1) 1 (Hobson 29)
DONCASTER ROVERS (0) 1
 (Nimmo 84)
 Att: 4,756
Lincoln: Grotier 7, Guest 6, Crouch 6, Watson 7, Saunders 6, Peake 7, ★**HOBSON 8**, Carr 7, Harford 6, Cunningham 6, Cockerill 7.
Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 6, Ripley 5, Lewis 7, ★**LISTER 8**, Dowd 7 (sub. Lally 6), Pugh 6, Nimmo 6, Warboys 7, Dowie 7, Bentley 7.
 Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Vaughan 31)
BRADFORD CITY (0) 2 (McNiven 47, Staniforth 83)
 Att: 4,089
Newport: Plumley 6, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 7, Thompson 7, ★**VAUGHAN 8**, Lowndes 6 (sub. Bruton), Goddard 7, Tynan 6, Moore 7.
Bradford City: Smith 7, Podd 7, Watson 6, Robertson 7, Baines 6, Cooper 7, Bates 6, Bolan 6, Staniforth 7, ★**McNIVEN 8**, Hutchins 7.
 Referee: C. Civil (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 3 (Quow 44, Kellock 70, Robson 84)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 4,525
Peterborough: Waugh 6, Carmichael 6, Phillips 7, ★**CHARD 8**, Smith 6, Foster 6, Gynn 5, Kellock 7, Quow 7, Robson 6, Lambert 5.
Crewe: ★**PHILLIPS 8**, Lewis 6, Bowers 6, Hunter 7, Scott 5, Beal 6, Bowles 5, Bevan 5, Nelson 6, Purdie 7, Coyne 5 (sub. Wilkinson 5).
 Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 5 (Chamberlain 27, 74, Wright 56, 75, Sproson 62)
NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 0
 Att: 2,847
Port Vale: Connaughton 7, Keenan 6, Griffiths 7, Beech 6, Sproson 7, Delgado 7, Bromage 7, Farrell 8, Wright 6, ★**CHAMBERLAIN 9** (sub. Owen 6), Healy 8.
Northampton: Jayes 5, Walker 5, Byatt 4, Farmer 5, Waldock 4, Ward 5, Denyer 5, Sargeant 5, Farrington 5 (sub. Ashenden 5), ★**REILLY 6**, Bowen 5.
 Referee: D. E. Clarke (Accrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Green 19)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Stanton 52)
 Att: 4,350
Scunthorpe: Crawford 7, Davy 6, Deere 7, Oates 7, Peacock 6, Kavanagh 7 (sub. Gibson 6), Partridge 7, Keeley 6, ★**O'BERG 8**, Green 6, Cammack 7.
Huddersfield: ★**STARLING 8**, Brown 6, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Robinson 6, Stanton 7, Laverick 6, Hart 7, Cowling 6, Fletcher 6, Robins 6.
 Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Davies 34, Murphy 57, Sermanni 88)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Att: 2,434
Torquay: Turner 7, Twitchin 6, Pethard 6, Larmour 6, Bourne 6, Sermanni 7, ★**DAVIES 8**, Lawrence 6, Cooper 7, Smith 6, Murphy 7.
Rochdale: Watson 6, Hart 6, Snookes 6, Weir 6, Bannon 5, Taylor 6, ★**HOY 8**, O'Loughlin 7 (sub. Scaife 5), Hilditch 6, Wann 6, Esser 6.
 Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WALSALL (3) 3 (Waddington 2, Buckley 19, 36)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Ayre 57)
 Att: 4,205
Walsall: Turner 6, Macken 7, Mower 7, Sbragia 6, Serella 7, Paul 7, Penn 5, ★**WADDINGTON 8**, Buckley 7, Caswell 7, McDonough 7.
Hartlepool: Watson 7, Lawrence 7, Gorrie 6, Goldthorpe 6, Smith 7, Brooks 6, Linacre 6, Houchen 7, Newton 6, Harding 7, ★**LOADWICK 8**.
 Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

WIGAN (1) 2 (Carrigan 14, Urquhart 82)
York (0) 5 (Loggie 55, Staniforth 60, 85, 90, Lorimer 74)
 Att: 5,990
Wigan: Shyne 5, Smart 5, Urquhart 5, ★**GORE 6**, Davids 5, Fretwell 5, Corrigan 5, Wright 5, Brownhill 5, Moore 5, Purdie 5.
York: Brown 6, Kay 6, Walsh 6, Loggie 7, Faulkner 6, Puga 6, Ford 6, Lorimer 7, Wellings 7, McDonald 7, ★**STANIFORTH 8**.
 Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

Scottish Premier
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (McMaster 19, Strachan, pen 75, Rougvie 80)
RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone 35)
 Att: 24,000
Aberdeen: Clark 7, Kennedy 6, Considine 7, McLeish 6, Garner 5 (sub. Rougvie 7), Miller 7, Jarvie 6 (sub. Harper 6), Archibald 4, ★**STRACHAN 8**, McMaster 7, Scanlon 7.
Rangers: McCloy 6, ★**JARDINE 8**, Dawson 6, Stevens 5, Jackson 5, Watson 5, Cooper 7, Russell 5, Johnstone 7, MacDonald 4, Smith 7.
 Referee: A. G. McFaul (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

ST MIRREN (2) 3 (Somner 15, 66, McDougall 43)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2 (Pettigrew 62, 82)
 Att: 6,400
St. Mirren: Tomson 7, Beckett 6, Munroe 7, Richardson 7, Dunlop 6, Copland 6, ★**BONE 9**, Stark 7, Somner 8, Docherty 8, McDougall 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Kirkwood 6, Kopel 5, Phillit 7, Smith 5 (sub. Addison 5), Narey 6, Milne 6, Pettigrew 7, Ballentyne 5 (sub. Sturrock 6), Fleming 6, ★**PAYNE 8**.
 Referee: G. White (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

HIBS (1) 1 (Higgins 20)
CELTIC (1) 3 (Lennox 37, Conroy 58, MacLeod, pen 76)
 Att: 19,086
Hibs: McArthur 6, Brazil 6, Duncan 5, Bremner 5, Patinson 6, McNamias 5, Callaghan 5 (sub. Hutchinson), Rae 5, Campbell 5, MacLeod 5, ★**HIGGINS 7**.
Celtic: Latchford 6, Snaddon 6, McGrain 6, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, ★**CONROY 8**, Provan 6, Davidson 5, McCluskey 6 (sub. McDonald 6), MacLeod 6, Lennox 6.
 Referee: J. R. Renton (Cowdenbeath)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

DUNDEE (1) 4 (MacLaren 44, Sinclair 65, Murphy 71, Redford 87)
MORTON (1) 3 (Hutchinson 41, Richie 51, McNeill 88)
 Att: 7,243
Dundee: Donaldson 6, Millar 6, Schaedler 6, Barr 6, Glennie 6, Watson 6, Murphy 7, MacLaren 7, ★**SINCLAIR 8**, Redford 6, Fletcher 7.
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 5, Anderson 5, Orr 6, Rooney 6, McNeill 6, Hutchinson 6 (sub. Tolmie), Thomson 6, MacLaren 5 (sub. Scott), ★**RITCHIE 7**.
 Referee: D. A. Murdoch (Bothwell)
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
 Att: 5,000
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 7,

Whittaker 6, Campbell 7, McAdam 7, Marr 7, Doyle 6, Gibson 6, O'Hara 7, Melrose 7, ★**PARK 8** (sub. Houston).
Kilmarnock: ★**McCULLOCK 8**, McLean 7, Robertson 7, Clark, J 7, Clark, P 7, McDicen 7, Jardine 6, Gibson 6, Burke 7, Maxwell 6, Mauchlen 6 (sub. Street).
 Referee: A. Wardle (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division One

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (McClymont 18)
DUMBARTON (0) 0

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Davine 4)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Rolland, pen 62)

BERWICK (0) 1 (McLean 57)
ST JOHNSTONE (2) 2 (Brogan 18, McNeill 40)

CLYDE (2) 4 (Ahern 19, Hood 45, 46, 72)
HAMILTON (0) 0

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (McLaughlin 81)
AYR (0) 0

HEARTS (1) 2 (Kennedy, og, Gibson, pen 83)
STIRLING ALBION (0) 1 (Gray 73)

RAITH (2) 5 (Wallace 8, 25, Thomson 70, Harrow 73, 82)
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (McLaughlin 42, Clelland 51)

Division Two

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Steele 80)
BRECHIN CITY (0) 0

FORFAR (1) 1 (Farningham 15)
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 Lamont 3, Ashwood 86)

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Downie 47)
ALBION ROVERS (2) 2 (Campbell 30, Houston 33)

MONTROSE (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Jack 37, Jenkins 66)

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 2 (Bryce 68, 90)
FALKIRK (0) 0

QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Nicholson 20)
EAST FIFE (2) 2 (Mackie 5, Lumsden 19)

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Robertson 8)
ALLOA (0) 0



Ray Train's second half goal for Watford earned them a point in the 1-1 draw with Cardiff at Vicarage Road.

Sweden Sept 10

Division One

Elfsborg 2 Gothenburg 1
 Halmia 0 Oster 2
 Hammarby 2 Halmstad 0
 Norrkopong 4 IFK Sundsvall 2
 Kalmar FF 2 Djurgarden 0
 Malmo FF 3 Landskrona 1

September 13

Division One

AIK 1 Hammarby 1
 Gothenburg 1 Malmo 1

France Sept. 11

Division One

St. Etienne 2 Brest 0
 Lille 4 Nice 3
 Bastia 2 Bordeaux 1
 Angers 1 Metz 0
 Monaco 3 Nancy 0
 Sochaux 1 Strasborg 1
 Nimes 1 Marseille 0
 Nantes 4 Paris SG 2
 Laval 0 Lens 0
 Lyon 3 Valenciennes 1

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